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## **SOUL SCIENCE AND IMMORTALITY.**

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THE ART OF BUILDING A SOUL.  
THE SECRET OF THE  
COMING CHRIST.

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AUTHORIZED TEXT BOOK OF  
THE CHURCH OF  
ILLUMINATION.

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## PREFACE.

The object of this book is to announce to the world the Second Coming of the Christ.

Much has been written and much has been taught along this line, but few are authorized to know the Christ—the Son of Man.

There are those who have told us that the Christ is within us, but none have been able to tell us HOW we are to KNOW the Christ within and when he comes.

How can we know the Christ when he comes?

This is the main question. If the Christ is within us WE KNOW. We have proof, and we have authority, whereas before we have merely guessed and theorized and BELIEVED. Now we are to KNOW.

Peter says: "We have not followed cunningly devised fables when we made known unto you the power and coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, but were EYE WITNESSES to His Majesty."

"For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from this excellent glory, 'THIS IS MY BELOVED SON in whom I AM WELL PLEASED.' And the voice which came from heaven WE HEARD when we were with him on the holy mount."

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; where unto ye do well that ye take heed as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in YOUR HEARTS."

"Knowing the prophecy came not in olden time BY

THE WILL OF MAN; but HOLY men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (Fire—Soul.)

This prophecy of the Second Coming is fulfilled and "the time is at hand," and "ye do well to take heed."

Power is given to the student to know, for if the Christ is within you, "ye shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ."

We do not teach the coming of Jesus in the flesh to set up a kingdom here on earth, nor to gather a certain pre-destined few to take with him to heaven, we are to teach THE CHRIST, *the True Conception of God*, the Creator of all men, as Jesus taught it ages ago.

"He who knows" has been COMMANDED and authorized from the Great White Throne to deliver the message to the world.

#### HEAR YE HIM.

"Ye are to announce to the whole world the advent of the Christ Principle."

"Ye are to teach to all peoples the Coming of the Christ the Son of Man." The command from the Great White Throne.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live."

"He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

The world has been looking forward to the coming of the Christ, and many teachers and prophets have proclaimed him from divers places. But Jesus said: "Many will come in my name saying, I am Christ, and shall deceive many." And he further explained to them the sign of his coming.

He said: "*As the lightning cometh out of the East and shineth even unto the West, so shall also the Coming of the Son of Man be.*"

Strange that prophets, priests and sages have given so little attention to the meaning of this verse of the Scripture. No words could be plainer. Sheathed they are in the symbols of heaven, yet plain to "he who knows."

*Lightning which cometh out of the East.* Lightning is the electrical vibration of heaven—MIND, the Supreme Creator of all the Universe. The *Minds*, the *Thoughts*, which have lived for ages in the great souls of prophets, priests and sages, the desires and prayers of the Ancient Mystics have reached unto the innermost recesses of the Western World. The soul of the Christ has spread its wings over the entire world, and the hour of its acceptance is at hand.

"And the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live."

Those who have spent their lives seeking among the illusions and snares of the earth, those who are dead to the Truth, who have not accepted the words of wisdom and have not builded their soul on the Rock of Truth (Christ Principle) shall hear his voice and they shall live.

Soul Science has come, which is the Christ, sent by the command from the Great White Throne.

"Out of the Throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices; and there were seven lamps of FIRE burning before the Throne which were the Spirits of God."

Soul Science is the Baptism of Fire, which is also the Holy Ghost. The second Coming of the Christ was promised by One who knew and possessed the Soul of Christ, who represented those who sit on the Great White Throne and who are the Seven Spirits of God.

Many have taught when his coming would be, but none have spoken with AUTHORITY.

This book which we now present to the public contains the message of Life and the voice of those who have spoken. These words are Spirit and they are Life. and he who listens shall live.

Before Jesus came John the Baptist. He came crying

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in the wilderness of error, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

John the Baptist was the forerunner of the Christ.

He prepared the people for the acceptance of the Truth. He said: "I am come baptising with water (Mind), but one mightier than I cometh, the latchets of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptise you with fire (Soul.)

Water is the symbol of Mind. We know that John taught and healed many. He was a mind, or mental healer. The world waited long in a wilderness of darkness and error before it accepted the power and work of the Mind healers.

Many have used the power erroneously until the great AFFIRMER arose in the person of Mary Baker G. Eddy and gave to the struggling, misguided mentalists the principle of Mind and Mental healing.

As John the Baptist looked forward to the greater demonstration of power and glory from above, so did the great Baptist disciple look forward to a greater demonstration of the power from on high. It has not come as she expected, but the day of the Son of Man is here as announced by John the Baptist. The material age, the age of darkness represented by the word Egypt has long since passed. Egypt has represented darkness, unenlightenment, yet out of the darkness came light. "And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the water, and God said, "Let there be light and there was light."

Egypt once held all the mysteries and teachings of the ancients. It held the true light, and from it the Truth, the esoteric teachings of the Philosophers and Wise men had come. Over the tombs of the Pharaohs, within the pyramids and obelisks still live the letters of Fire, the symbols of the One God, the great unknown but Knowable One,

who is the Life and Light of the world.

Moses brought the Truth from Egypt to the Jews. Jesus brought it once again from the crypts and secret places to both Jew and Gentiles, and as the lightning flashes from the east and shineth even unto the west, so have the Words of the Living God, the Osiris of the Egyptians, the God of Moses, and the Christ of Jesus, broke the darkened clouds of materialism and dead faith, and spread the light deep into the hearts of the western world of men.

Mesmer, considered (but was not) the discoverer of a sympathetic vibration between the heavenly bodies and the earth, and the human bodies.

This he called magnetism, or animal magnetism.

He had not attained the perfection of mental science.

He gave the physical facts of magnetism, for he did not go beyond matter and the physical body, but his teachings were true, and were of great help to the world in the material age. Magnetism is not entirely a physical attraction. In reality its principles are truly mental, but it had not developed in that era or age.

Then came John the Baptist, "the Elias of old which was for to come," in the form of Mind Science.

Wonderful work has been accomplished by Mental or Mind Science in its varied forms.

The mind is the real Creator. The mind makes or mars the world of souls. Mind must come first, for it is the forerunner of the Christ which is the Soul, for Mind builds the Soul.

But Mind dies and Soul lives.

In the beginning when God created, when the Word became flesh, the Spirit of God (developed Mind) moved upon the face of the waters (minds) and there was Light. When the Divine Mind of God moved upon the minds of men, God-mind became flesh, was created in the flesh, and the Light of Truth, God, was born in the minds of men.

Man began to learn that he was of the Creator, that he

also was created and was a part of the Creator.

All the mental and mind healers and teachers have given the world great good and the promise of Life, for the Teacher of the Living Fire followed the Teacher of the Mind.

He (Christ) also was to be baptized with water or Mind.

John was amazed when he saw Him there giving him homage and acknowledgement of being the greatest teacher then living. Jesus became RECEPTIVE to the MIND TEACHING, "Knowing whereof it listeth."

Now the day of the Christ is at hand. He that baptizes with Fire (Soul) is here, and this is the day of Soul Science for, as John taught, the Baptism of Fire (Soul) shall follow him.

Mental Science has paved the way for the Science of the Soul or Fire. It is that Fire which spoke to Moses in the Burning Bush. It is the Fire which lighted the children of Israel from Egyptian Rule or DARKNESS. It is the Fire that descended in the "form of a dove from heaven," and the tongue of fire which sat upon the Apostles on the day of Pentacost. It is the Soul, the AWAKENED Soul of the Christ WITHIN man.

It has been but a month since that "*Christhood and Adeptship*" has been issued, and few men could dream that it would be accepted as the first cry in the wilderness. It has fallen upon the highways and byways of many hearts and they have recognized it as the Seed of Life for which they have thirsted long. It has explained fully and simply all that Mind is, its power and the secret of its power.

It is the forerunner of the present work, and should be studied with it. One who has a copy of the former work says: "A few days ago I received the book "*Christhood and Adeptship*," and have read it over several times and find it, next to the Bible, the most interesting book I ever read. But I must know more. From all over the land come messages of encouragement and a demand for more

and more of the same teachings." And "He Who Knows" has received COMMAND to issue the present work. Thus the time for the Baptism of Fire is at hand, and that which is of the Soul must take the place of that which is of the mind only. The Soul is greater than the mind. It is the living man, the eternal Life of the Spirit. It is the Light of men, the living Fire or eternal death, which ever he chooses to make it. Jesus taught that the Soul was greater than all else. He has said: "What will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul."

All through the Gospels and the writings of the Apostles those who were inspired and authorized to speak as the oracle of God, warned and taught men to develop the Soul. To bring the Soul to the knowledge of the One God.

Paul tells us, "To be carnally wicked is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

The mind builds the Soul, and a spiritual mind builds life and peace.

"The God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Herein he warns us to preserve the spirit, soul and body.

Paul again says: "We are laborers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry. Ye are God's BUILDING. According to the grace of God *which is given unto me*, as a wise master thereon, *but let every man take heed how he buildeith thereon.*"

"Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, *because it shall be revealed by fire* (Soul); and the Fire shall try every man's work what sort it is."

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

If any man defile the temple (his body) of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are,"

God will destroy the unholy—the God that is WITHIN you, when you are tried by the Fire of what sort your work is.

For “God is a consuming fire” (Soul).

The work of the New Church is to establish the true conception of the Christ upon the same Rock it was built upon when the Master laid the foundation to be built upon by those who should follow him.

“Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

On this Rock He built His Church

The Soul is the man, and THOU art the soul; therefore THOU art the Son of the LIVING God.

The work of the Church is to establish the Soul’s relationship to God after the manner of Christ.

Christ was the Master Builder, and he has laid the foundation for others to build upon.

The foundation is Love, Truth, Virtue, Patience, Gentleness, Forbearance, Kindness, Longsuffering toward all God’s creatures.

To teach development of mind and soul.

Soul Science does not criticise nor antagonize the Bible. Its mission is to lift the veil from the hidden Truth and mysteries so that all can understand.

We teach all men how to live pure, clean lives and identify the Soul with the Christ.

Few know the Soul, where it is and what it is.

The Church will open the understanding so that the Soul will manifest itself and its real works to the earnest seeker.

Healing stations and schools are to be established in every city and town where the Truth will be accepted. The Healing of the Soul or the *Aeth* is taught, and this is the Healing of the Christ.

Christ healed not by mind alone. He employed both Mind and Soul, and his works were greater than any the world had ever seen,

The Church "announces to the whole world the Advent of the Christ Principle."

It will teach the whole world the Coming of the Christ, the Son of Man.

It will "gather together the elect from the four winds of heaven, lift up the fallen, open the eyes of the blind, heal the broken-hearted, and teach the gospel to the poor, and set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is the Church of Illumination, the Second Coming of the Christ.

The time spoken of in the Bible is here.

The time when Christ shall come "to be glorified in his saints and to be admired *in all them that believe.*"

The day spoken of in the Bible "cometh as a thief in the night."

The man of evil, the desires and longings of the flesh, shall say: " 'Peace and safety,' then suddenly destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape," for when the Light of Truth dawns upon the minds of men all evil shall flee.

Jesus said: "I am come to send Force on the earth."

John the Baptist said: "I am come baptizing you with water (mind), but one mightier than I cometh, the latches of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose. He shall baptize you with Fire (Soul.)"

"You who are troubled rest with me, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in *Flaming Fire*, taking vengeance on them who know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The evil thoughts and desires are those that obey not. Vengeance is the taking away of these evils which hold men in the thrall and lure of the earth and the flesh.

Thus Jesus is revealed in the Fire Baptism.

Soul Science or Immortality teaches all that can be known, taught or revealed openly. It is the Baptism of

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Fire and the Holy Ghost.

Every Chapter gives the Truth, simply, plain and concise. There is no vague, visionary teaching. It is founded upon the Rock of Truth, the Christ. The student learns to know good from evil, false from true.

"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways," for he knows not good from evil and false from true, and the greatest dangers to the student are the ignorant dabblers in "science falsely so-called," and those who call themselves occultists without authority or understanding of the Truth.

Paul says, "Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intending unto those things, which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind. And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together increaseth with the increase of God. Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, who as though living in the world are ye subject to ordinances."

"Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in WILL WORSHIP, and humility and neglecting of the body; not in any hour to the satisfying of the flesh."

"Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

"For when he doth appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is."

Those who read this book, "*Soul Science and Immortality*," and LIVE IT will be healed mentally and physically. All the secrets of LIFE and DEATH are made plain. The greatest healing power ever given to mankind was demonstrated by Jesus the Christ.

In AETH Healing the same Laws, the same Rules, the actual power and healing as taught by Jesus are revealed,

The student KNOWS. There is no blind following of the blind. He is able to prove for himself and to himself its wonders and its Truth.

What the book can do for mankind has never been accomplished by any teacher or healer since the time of Jesus. Mind or Mental Healing has accomplished great wonders and blessed the world as in the day of John the Baptist, the great Mind Healer, but the Christ HAS COME —come to Baptize with Fire. His spirit has descended in like manner as he descended and His Word is preached again to ALL people, for he promised to be with us unto the end.



*ANNUNCIATION—CONCEPTION.*

## Annunciation---Conception.

The student who is earnestly and sincerely seeking for the truth will find it advisable to begin with a sure, reliable foundation.

He must have some idea of what he wishes to accomplish, and a desire for absolute, tenable truth.

Many fail in the beginning because of a lack of penetration. As soon as the student begins to inquire into the greater knowledge he is immediately surrounded by many and divers kinds of influences. Therefore he is oftentimes misled, and goes far out of the right path. Again, he becomes disgusted or discouraged and either goes back into the old mode of life or becomes a bitter doubter of all religions or ideas of Christianity. This is not so much his own fault, for there are many teachers in the world to-day, who are claiming the Christ, and the soul yet unbalanced or still lacking poise, is easily deceived by such. Yet for the earnest, sincere, obedient seeker, the Master is always waiting.

Desire does not begin to trouble the conscience unless there is a way to attain perfection and knowledge.

The old life, the old religion, worn to threads by its "worm of the dust" and "predestination" does not satisfy any longer the hunger and craving of the soul.

Soul is not mind—soul is not intellect.

The mind is the builder of the soul, but the mind, unless guided and guarded properly, may starve the soul or hurt it unto destruction by its inability to detect the false from the real.

The intellectual mind is not always the understanding mind.

It takes an *understanding* mind, the *obedient* mind, to build the Christ Soul.

Lack of education, or great intellectual attainment, or brilliancy, does not deter one from building a soul of knowledge and power.

The great, highly evolved soul will work on Christward, in spite of any obstacle or material condition. The soul in choosing parentage in incarnation chooses the soul—not the mind—in harmony with its own.

There are no intellectual spheres beyond the veil.

The soul world is the world of the souls and is not the mind world. Mind dies with the body, no matter how brilliant it may be. So what is mind after all if it builds nothing that will live?

In choosing parentage the cold, intellectual soul would naturally choose parents whose souls are on the same plane.

We have often seen families who were very intellectual, who were always striving for and attaining great intellectual brilliancy and superiority,—they have accumulated together the intellectual desires in previous existences and so harmonize with desires that attract them,

I am not speaking against intellectual development, or attainment, but I only wish to prove to those who are sometimes discouraged, and hold back much that is within them, because of a lack of education, that the mind and intellect is not all, and is not the soul.

To the great soul,—the soul evolving Christward—it makes no difference as to parentage. It will evolve onward anyway, overcoming the greatest obstacle and the grossest and densest of flesh and materiality.

The mind builds soul, but the educated mind does not always build soul. We see great, brilliant minds about us absolutely incapable of understanding or accepting the truth or immortality.

If the acquirement of truth or Christ depends entirely on intellect then the world would have known the Christ long ago.

The inner knowledge comes from the soul itself.

The mind builds the soul, creates it, but the soul itself must *awaken*.

John the Baptist said, “I am come baptizing with water (water is mind), but one mightier than I cometh, the latchets of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire.”

Water is mind according to the knowledge of the Ancients, but what is the Holy Ghost and Fire?

The Holy Ghost is knowledge and power, and Fire is Soul. It therefore proves to us that mind (water) is less than fire (soul).

The enlightened mind is the great soul builder.

All necessary knowledge, all necessary mental acquirements come to the awakened soul, or the highly evolved soul.

Napoleon possessed one of the most remarkable minds of the ages, but he builded an egotistical, selfish soul which destroyed him in the hour of triumph. The soul stands or falls. If built according to the plans of the Creator, the Christ, it will stand. If it is moulded according to our own presumptuous plans it will fall.

Oscar Wilde's mind was the most brilliant of his day, but it was brilliant at the expense of eating up the soul instead of building it.

Therefore, for a sure, reliable, tenable foundation, we must depend on soul and what is required to build a soul.

The first glimpse of truth, the first intuitionial knowledge that there is something theologians have not explained, the churches have not given, is the annunciation of truth or the conception of Christ.

When the knowledge first dawned upon the mind of Mary, she wondered, "How can this be?"

The angel said unto her, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing (the Soul of Christ) which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

So in re-birth, the annunciation of the Angel of Truth, is the information or realization that the soul which is born of knowledge, and power of the Highest

is the Son of God.

We have conceived the word. It is made flesh, but is holy, because it is born of the Highest, the Holy Ghost, and is the fire that we are baptized with.

The word fire has caused much conjecture as to its true meaning among many of the Christian teachers, and has been interpreted to signify many different things.

At the time of Jesus, when self-righteous Pharisees—intellectual giants they were chiefly—controlled the religious rites and ceremonies, few knew the meaning of the word soul. Few knew whether they possessed soul, and fewer still knew what it was and where it was. And teachers of to-day, while they teach many beautiful truths, do not teach soul and soul-building, which is the essential demand of truth. We must have soul or existence ceases.

God is Soul and the Christ or Son of God is the Soul of God, therefore when we build the Christ we build the Soul of God.

We are baptized in Christ and “arise up and walk in newness of life,” for we have life eternal.

What is soul?

Where is soul?

Have you a soul?

These three questions are the beginning for the seeker for truth.

How many can answer?

If you cannot correctly answer these three questions you have not laid the foundation for your soul build-

ing. When we build a house we should first know what a house is. We should know where it should be. We should always be able to know whether we have one or not.

We should feel very foolish if some one should ask us if we owned a house and we would say that we did not know. And again, we would certainly be considered very stupid if we claimed we owned a house and yet could not tell what it was like or where it was.

Man strives to know all things material, but without any compunction, or regret whatever, allows himself to grow stupidly blind spiritually, when spirituality is the most essential of all things.

It is life—life eternal, but the materialist gropes on unmindful of this great fact.

John tells us that the “Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.”

Soul was made (entered into) flesh and dwelt among us.

The Word is fire and fire is soul.

“In the beginning was the Word (soul), and the Word (or soul) was with God, and the Word (soul) was God.”

“All things were made by him; and without him (God) was not anything made that was made.”

“In him was life; and the life (soul) was the light of man.”

The sun is the soul of the universe.

The Sun or (Christ) Son is the Soul of God and the soul of man is the sun of his body, just as the Soul of

God is the Light or Sun of the world, which is the Life and Light of men.

The soul is “the light that shineth in darkness; and the darkness (flesh) comprehends it not.”

“There was a man sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light; that all men through him might believe.”

John represents mind. He came baptizing with water (mind)!

The mind is the witness of the soul, for with the mind we believe and all men believe with mind, for the mind is witness of the soul. The mind conveys the fact to us that we have a soul.

John or Mind was not the Light (Christ or Soul), but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

“And this is the true Light, which lightest every man that cometh into the world.”

Every man born into the world is soul and the soul is his light.

This mind is the witness, whether he is in darkness or light.

“He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for he was before me.”

Soul comes after mind but is preferred before mind, for soul *was* before mind. Soul existed before it entered mind and flesh.

“The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ—the Son of God.

“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”



*THE CONFESSION.*

## The Confession.

Confession means acknowledgment.

To confess is to acknowledge or admit the truth of a thing.

The confession of Jesus was an acknowledgment of the truth of his Christhood—his Oneness with God.

Many err, however, in believing that confession—true confession—is demanded in any other way except by right living and thinking.

To speak the words that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, is *not* altogether necessary. Jesus commanded not a verbal acknowledgment or confession from the disciples. He desired the confession of the heart, the turning away from false beliefs and adherence to duty and understanding of the soul. Jesus said, “Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.”

When we come to the understanding of this Christ or the Christhood, the lustfulness and desires and pleasures of the earth or flesh must be thrust from us. This is the denial of self. Self must be cast out. Jesus meant not that we must hate self or the world, but self is strong within us and it is hard for us to distinguish between a rightful demand of self and selfish-

ness. Selfishness and self-absorption, which is but another form of selfishness, are parallel and are equal. A self-absorbed person oftentimes excuses his selfishness under this title. We may become so engrossed with our own plans, ideas, works or desires as to be utterly selfish. Many selfish persons are pure minded and liberal in many ways, yet they lose sight of the desire and wishes of those about them by becoming too much attached to their own wants and wishes. Self is one of the greatest tempters we have to guard against. It is the most subtle, the most illuring devil of the ages. Our self is not always as we appear nor as we think we are or would like to be. We are surrounded by a beautiful mental picture of ourselves, not as we are, but as we have idealized ourselves to be.

It is a picture touched up with master strokes. All the blemishes are carefully removed and the true likeness barely traceable. Yet we go on blindly worshiping the beautiful idea we call self, the while we are building a soul whose likeness would startle us with shame and surprise.

*“Let him deny himself.”* The Master knew this would be a cross. No man ever denied self without crucifying himself. The greatest task we have set before us is to analyze the intricate problem of self and find out what it really is. But this is the one thing necessary. It is the demand of the Christ. To follow him we must walk as he walked, in understanding, trustfulness and righteousness. We can not let it to the soul. It images the lies and the deceit we prac-

tice upon its everlasting records.

When we confess the Christ we really profess the Christ.

But no confession or profession will ever do any good if it is not of the soul.

Jesus daily confesses his Sonship with God, not by words alone—but by *living and demonstrating the truth*.

His works were of the Soul—the Christ Soul—Soul of God, and his works confessed him and his faith, for confession and faith marks us indelibly in the eyes of all men. We may deny that we have stolen a thousand dollars, but if we go and commit the act against our denial we are guilty and the act alone is the confession—the soul *knows and records*.

How many of us realize that we also daily confess our own true selves?

Perhaps we are well fed, clothed and warm, and we say we have pity for those shut out in the cold, starving and wandering about without comfort, yet we make no effort to relieve their suffering, not to open their eyes to the truth, to a realization that God meant all to enjoy his many blessings, we really confess then that we know not the Christ and are not obeying his greatest commandment, to love one another.

We find it hard to forgive those who have wronged us, but we cannot confess Christship until we learn to forgive those who have wronged us and who hate us. For to confess is in another sense to obey. If we follow the Master we must obey. And to obey brings the

cross.

Yet why should the cross cause suffering when it brings eternal life? There is no other way to attain it—no other way to go. No man or woman ever attained the Soul of Christ except by the way of the cross.

When we become strong and the light and understanding comes to us, when the beauty of the soul dawns upon us then the cross loses its pain and its terrors and we go onward in joy and peace and thanksgiving. It is not pain to us any more to deny self its unlawful longings. Self is no more the earth-bound thief claiming sonship with God and daily confessing indifference to duty, fellowship with evil and lustfulness of the world. It is a glorified self full of love and righteousness.

Self is really soul.

We build a self in the same manner that we build a soul, for self is constructed out of the thoughts and ideas of the mind.

We are what we think, not as we think we *are*.

There is but one mind and this mind is the Creator of our self and our soul.

There is no such thing as a sub-conscious mind.

What many call sub-conscious mind is the soul that mind has builded.

When the body sleeps the mind sleeps.

When the body dies, the mind dies—only soul is ever awake and ever lives.

They tell us that the sub-conscious mind is a sort of

storage-house. It is a place where all thoughts and ideas are stored up. This is nothing but soul.

The stored up thoughts and ideas of mind are received, retained by the soul and the soul is fashioned, formed, moulded, by thoughts or vibrations from the mind.

Those who heal through the sub-conscious mind really employ the soul to do their bidding.

Mind is the operator, the soul is the subject and is subservient, while in the physical life, to the will of the mind.

Mind creates health by thinking health, the soul receives health by receiving the thoughts of the mind, and the soul is manifested in the body. Soul is the stronger because it lives. When the body and mind die the soul exists on and on for ages and throughout all time. But it can only exist as it was created, *that is why existence beyond the grave is simply a continuation of what the present life is.*

The soul cannot be silenced or muzzled.

Scientists have succeeded in photographing the thoughts of the mind. These photographs prove that thoughts are substance. They are the same as any other substance. They produce substance.

There are adepts in India that are able to create pearls out of a drop of water held in the mouth. This by faith.

Faith is nothing but intensified *thought, desire.*

Paul tells us that, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen,"

Thought may be illustrated to mean the same thing.

Thought *is* the substance of things hoped for, it is also the evidence of things not seen. But man has attained the power to give evidence of thoughts seen. When we hope for a thing we think of it, and our thoughts are evidence of thought power though not seen.

Thoughts are really faith, for we could have no faith if we had no thoughts. “According to our thoughts so be it”—is as strong as “according to our faith so be it.”

We manifest our faith by thoughts, for we act according to the thoughts and desires of the mind. Thus when we have faith in Christ we think Christ. We believe by thinking and as we think we act. The adept moulded the pearl from the drop of water by thinking.

The force of his thoughts produced the pearl.

When we confess our faith we confess our thoughts. We manifest our thoughts. In confession of the Christ we manifest our thoughts of Christ. We produce Christ thoughts, and these thoughts are substance—this substance is soul and the soul is ever confessing its true self.

The body daily confesses the truth or evil.

What the body does is a confession of mind and soul.

If there were no such thing as matter there could be no soul.

If there were no soul there would be no mind,

Every mind creates a soul or destroys a soul.

The mind that builds a soul can destroy the soul just the same as an architect or carpenter can destroy the house he has builded. When man has no soul he has destroyed it by continual following of evil, sensual, selfish thinking and living!

Have *you* ever thought why Jesus was a carpenter?

Does it not seem strange that he should be a builder?

He had to build the soul—the Christ.

Matter or body is but the house of the soul. The soul dwells in the body. The body confesses the soul. The body manifests the soul.

The body acknowledges and admits that there is a soul. If the body acknowledges disease, sin, anger, jealousy, malice, conceit, selfishness, hauteur, pride, beware of the soul. It is condemning, confessing its own self. Its true self.

And what is it that creates soul?

*Thoughts, desires, will.*

Is it not easy to understand how impossible it is to harm another more than we harm our own soul?

Every thought sent out to another is received and registered in the soul.

All that we can wish or will to come upon another is stored up within the soul and makes it a testimonial or confessor for or against our own self.

It is impossible to destroy another's soul without destroying our own, and the soul does not lie to save itself. It cannot. It is helpless, it must be what it is,

an eternal testimonial or confession of life or death, of goodness or evil.

No soul can be overcome, when once awakened.

It evolves onward in spite of all trials and tribulations, all obstacles, all impediments, when it is aroused to an understanding of Sonship and Christhood, for if we confess him in *living* and bearing his name of truth and righteousness, he will also confess us, he will dwell *within* us, confessing that he is there guiding, leading and bearing us ever onward and upward, for he has promised that where "I am there ye may be also."

The soul always gives expression of itself.

The dwarfed, the blind, the deaf, the dumb, if they have souls, are not helpless.

Every soul builded by man or woman in any stage of existence exists as long as there is some good in it. When it becomes entirely negative and yields time and again to positive forces of evil it will become totally irresponsible for itself and will eventually have no will nor power of its own.

It has then destroyed itself. It has thrust itself asunder and this is the second death which Christ warned men to beware of, for he said, "the last state of that man is worse than the first."

God said, "the soul that sinneth it shall die."

It is a confessional, daily and hourly confessing every thought and desire of the mind in living letters of fire. There is no erasure. It stands.

Only the Christ soul can wash it white and clean

and lift it to life and truth and beauty, "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing as unto a faithful Creator."



*THE SECOND BIRTH.*

## The Second Birth.

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

"The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

And Jesus answered and said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said unto him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Jesus answered, "Except a man be born of water *and of the spirit*, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." And Nicodemus again said, "How can these things be?"

This second birth, Jesus explains, must be of the spirit. The flesh born of flesh is flesh, but the spirit and soul must be born into the understanding of truth, goodness, and life.

This man was a Master, a great man among the Jews. He knew many things pertaining to the world and government, but he came in darkness, to the man of Light and the words of truth were yet night to him.

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He knew it was impossible to be born in the flesh again while on earth, and he asked again, "How can these things be?"

And Jesus went on to tell him that, "as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up."

And again he explained that men lived in darkness because darkness was evil. That the evil hates the light and will not come to it because when it comes to the light it is destroyed. This light is the realization that there is no enjoyment or pleasure in evil deeds. Evil loses its power over us when we understand its illusions and snares. All evil is night, and darkness. The desires and lusts of the flesh is darkness and night also, but the truth never comes to man as long as he clings to his sensual fleshly desires. Many come seeking while held in the thraldom of earthly desires as did Nicodemus, loath to give up that which has held them in bondage so long, but no man can know the truth until he is born again—born into the new life of purity, truth, and perfection.

"How can these things be?"

Jesus said, "the Son of Man must be lifted up." He must be lifted up from his state of sin to a state of perfection. Jesus Christ was not the only son of God. He tells us we are *all* sons of God. We are a part of Him, a representative, a messenger. We all bear a message, if we will but deliver it. This message is love, and love is the mother of re-birth. When we love that which is good and pure and true we are be-

ing born again; born of the spirit. Water here represents mind, which goes to show that mind must be changed.

These things, the re-birth—can be by a change of mind—change the mentality. If you are in the habit of allowing your mind to drift into thoughts you would not speak before others, you are drifting away from truth. The mind is the Center. It is the creator of the good and the bad. It must be changed and the soul is born of the mind, for mind creates or builds the soul.

The soul is really as a huge vessel filled with divers cargo. Some truly beautiful things may be stored away and again the grossest rubbish. The soul is doomed to carry its cargo into port. There are but two ports to make—Life or Destruction. Man's re-birth begins with himself. He only is able to effect it. Others may help him by pointing the way, but he must not depend on others if he would grow straight and strong. We are all sons of God, and when Christ appears, that is when we comprehend what it is to become a Christ, "we know we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." We make no mistake—we can see him as he is and we can become like him.

A great deal of wickedness of the world to-day, has been caused by false religious teachings or rather, ignorant teaching. Man may have intellect and yet be without understanding.

We have run away from self and left it to take care of itself, little knowing that in doing so we have run

away from the thing we seek, as did the knights of old in King Arthur's time, when they sought the Holy Grail. We have turned our backs to the Light and faced darkness, striving to pierce through the veil and find the sun, when the sun is really within ourselves—our soul, for the soul of man is the sun of his body.

Jesus was born of the flesh and he was also born of God, just as we are born of the flesh and can be born of God. When we understand the conception of Christ we are born again

The Egyptians and the Initiates of old understood the conception of Christ as Osiris. Osiris was the name given to the son of the Deity as we give it the name Christ. Osiris was the soul of God—so is Christ. Osiris was to them the principle of love, truth, and perfection, just as Christ is to us. They taught rebirth in the symbols as the birth of the New Year. The New Year represented the new or higher life, the *lifting up* of the flesh into the spiritual. Their Isis was the mother, the virgin which is the New Year giving birth at midnight to the New Sun (Son) which should rule over them. This new birth came from death of the flesh (winter) and was lifted up to the brightness and glory of the new, pure sun.

Jesus taught the same thing and demonstrated it.

He had been taught the mysteries of Moses and of the Egyptians for he said, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." This lifting up of the serpent was but a symbol—the symbol of life as understood and

practiced by the Egyptians and as taught by them in their higher initiation as it is now taught in the Aeth Brotherhood or Priesthood.

Osiris is the true conception of God and so is the Christ.

We must be born again even as the old year dies and becomes new again. We may be born also of the virgin (purity) and be lifted up as the new sun is lifted up to the heavens.

We must look for the sun or son in ourselves.

We alone are responsible for what we do. We can really harm no one but ourselves.

When we hate we only send out vibrations that are received by a soul and are sent *back* to our mind only to be re-directed to the soul again. This submerges our real self with the poison of our own mind, for the soul retains the poison and by and by becomes so diluted as to be wholly gross and wicked.

These thoughts are sometimes so venomous in some people that they produce sickness and even insanity. We all know that insane persons have violent fits of passion and when these occur often they frequently cause their death. Many insane persons die just from the violence of their own poison's passions.

The mind taints the soul and the soul taints the body, also the mind again, and these lustful, wicked thoughts do not always go to the object of their hate—they are gathered unto their fathers, the thoughts, or minds, which produce them.

In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells them to

beware of thoughts of hate and revenge. If you come to the altar of God bringing your gifts of love and reverence he says, "Thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gifts and be reconciled to thy brother and then offer thy gifts." Your gifts are thoughts and he says further on, "Thou shalt by no means come out thence, until thou hast paid the last farthing."

You will pay it by the destruction of your own self or soul, for that is the law. Good (or God) cannot accept evil gifts—evil can not mix with good.

These vibrations are separate and cannot be conjoined.

We must look into the self of ours and see it as it is and not as we think we are.

Self is responsible for all things.

Self creates self and rules self.

No man can force another man to love him if the other man refuses to do so. He may rule over him; may command obedience and reverence, but the heart of the one may be full of hate and rebellion. The physical man may be ruled by the stronger of the physical, but the inner self of the individual cannot be reached or touched except by himself.

That which is hated by the soul will never be accepted by the soul. Remember that the soul is the receiver of all thoughts, good, bad, or indifferent. It receives everything sent out by mind, but if the soul is pure and strong evil thoughts are rejected unless they are created by the individual mind. A hypnotist

may destroy another's soul if the mind is in harmony with his own, but if the mind is pure it will not vibrate in unison with evil. Therefore, we are without doubt the savior or destroyer of our own selves or souls. God never created man wrong. Man has done that himself. The spark of divinity sent out through all life is never utterly destroyed. Man destroys his soul. His soul is what lives if he builds it up of strong, durable material, but it can be totally destroyed if he builds it of rotten timber. God leaves man to create his own soul. He may do with it as he wills. It is within himself.

All is individual responsibility.

When we love our soul we love our real self. If we love that self we will not do that which destroys it. When we love evil we destroy that real self, because we are not loving it as we should.

We protect, cherish and reverence that which we love, and we see thousands who are flinging themselves away for the mere glitter of gold, an evil desire, or lustful propensities.

There is something always with you. Something you do not see.

It manifests itself in your every movement and action.

It smiles at you with gentle, caressing tenderness and purity or it leers at you with bold, unseemly glare.

This is the soul.

Wherever you go it goes. It is within you, drinking

of the cup you drink of, eating the fruit you eat of, and the soul is your real self. The unawakened soul is in darkness or night. No night can be so dark but that it may seek the Christ.

Though the sins be as crimson they may be made as white as snow—the pure thoughts, the longing and desire for a purified soul will destroy all that is evil and ignoble within you. You owe to the world the best that you can give it, and not the worst. Your thoughts in your mind portray your attitude toward humanity and the world. If you think love, you will love and you will build a soul loving and strong. The doctrine of Christ is not the outside, superficial ceremonies; the Christ is in your heart, your thoughts, your mind, your soul.

To be born again, begin conception by thinking kindly, generously, liberally and lovingly of everything and everybody you meet or come in contact with. You are beginning to conceive—the Christ.

It may be a small seed at first, but if you give it life and nourishment it will grow. You must water it, feed it and tend it with the thoughts of your mind, then when it attains life, it is born—it is your soul that is born and is the likeness of its Creator Osiris or the Christ.

All the religions of pretense and hypocrisy cannot make the soul beautiful. The true Christianity draws you back face to face with what *you are*. Analyze self and find your soul.

Seek it with sincerity and honesty and you will find

out just what you are, if you cannot read its likeness in the body.

The great Tolstoi says, "If we begin to live rightly as Christ taught us, we could no longer continue to live wrongly," and to begin to live as Christ taught we must begin to think as he thought, and when we begin to think right we will soon learn to live right.

Christ is the illumination of the mind and soul.

Light is the illuminator.

Darkness cannot illuminate anything.

Light can illuminate darkness, but darkness can do nothing but destroy.

It was without form and void until the Spirit of God moved upon it and illuminated it into soul and substance.

Take self to task for every thought and every word spoken. Eliminate the unkindness, the antagonism and evil from your mind and the Spirit of Christ will illuminate the darkness and you will have understanding.

It is latent within you.

As long as you have mind and can think, the power to attain perfection is yours.

You are the maker and the builder of your soul.

You can build just as perfectly as did King Solomon.

In fact, you are the mother of your soul for it is yours to give it birth or re-birth into Christ.

It may cost you pain and sorrow, but all life-giving is at first painful, but the joy of offspring brings re-

ward for all suffering.

It costs many a bitter struggle, but the crown of illumination is worth it for it will light up all space, it is the spirit upon the waters and it brings life eternal—immortality.

Such is the Church of Illumination,

## The Coming of the Christ.

The disciples said unto Jesus: "What shall be the sign of thy coming?"

The Master answered: "Let no *man* deceive you. For many shall come in my name saying, I am the Christ; and shall deceive many."

Scientists of the psychological world have predicted that as the world reaches different stages a Messiah or a great teacher comes forth from the silence and demonstrates truth and the Christ.

Christ is Truth—He is the Light. Many seem to fail to grasp the true meaning or rather, a clear idea of what Christ is.

Christ is the Son of God.

Christ was made flesh and dwelt among us and Jesus said, *he would be with us unto the end.*

Jesus had not attained perfection and supreme Christhood until after he overcame the grave—on the morning of the resurrection. Jesus the Christ might be interpreted more fully by explaining the Christ as Soul of God was the Soul of Jesus and Jesus the Christ as Jesus the Soul of God (or Good). Christ is also the Conception of God. The conception of God is the Immaculate Conception.

Everything created is created by mind and con-

ceived by the soul. The soul is the womb of the mind. It generates all ideas created or produced by the mind. The Immaculate Conception is produced or created by mind thinking *good, right, truth, tenderness* and, greatest of all, *love*.

The truths Jesus taught and demonstrated were not new ideas he had discovered and claimed as his own power and divine right. His truths were older than the world in which he lived. In referring to the Christ, he said: "Before Abraham was I am."

Before Abraham was, Christ was, but *not* Jesus.

The Soul of Christ has existed with the beginning of the world. We read that the "earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit (Soul) of God moved upon the face of the waters."

Before Abraham was, the soul existed. It was the *same* soul whose likeness Jesus attained and he taught all men to strive for this.

We understand from Biblical writings that Jesus had not attained perfect poise and evolvement in former reincarnations. There was a stage of development, of poise, and power, he attained in his last incarnation. We know that he studied. He was learned in all the laws; he also was tempted and tested and tried, which proves that he had some of the material yet to overcome.

His last words upon the cross, "It is finished," meant that he had overcome all the desires of the flesh and the earth life. He had purified his body

until it was at last the temple prepared for the supreme Christhood. His soul had become so perfect, so pure, so divine, that the material body was able to demonstrate what the soul was. Our bodies reflect our souls. When the body is maimed or halt or deficient in strength and development it but teaches what the former life had been.

Christ is not a man, not a person. Just here is where many fall into error and fail to grasp the true meaning of the Christ. Christ is Soul—God Soul—or Good Soul as some prefer to call it. Jesus was a man who demonstrated the power, the perfection, the glory, the truth and love of soul, of God soul.

There are great souls who come upon earth as Christs, as Messiahs, as Masters, who are embodied Christs. This is always possible. Christ is also more than Soul. It is the Conscious Soul for when the true student reaches a certain stage of development he can *know* the Christ, aye, he can even *see*, with his material eyes in perfect consciousness, the reflection of the Christ—of the Soul.

The Holy Ghost which was within him was the *knowledge*—soul knowledge, he gave, he taught, he demonstrated. The power of the Holy Ghost is God power, or the knowledge of God, of what God is. It is the great light that breaks upon the student when the veil is rent asunder.

Are we able to read now and know the meaning of the Christ?

What is Christ?

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Christ is the Soul of God (Good). It is the consciousness of having a soul. It is the *absolute knowledge* of having a soul and the divine power of seeing the reflection of this soul.

John tells us that God is Love. The Soul of God, or Christ, is the Soul of Love. When we unfold, or develop the Christ, we are then the soul of love unfolded.

In accumulating good we become *one* with God, and are therefore a part of him created and existing, which places us into sonship, soulship.

Jesus said: "Take heed that no man deceive you; for many (men) shall come in my name saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

"Wherefore, if they say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert, go not forth; behold, he is in the secret chambers, *believe not*.

"For as the lightning (illumination) cometh out of the east and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be."

It is very plain. So plain that "a fool cannot err therein." Christ does not come with great signs and wonders. He told them before that the "hypocrites looked for a sign." The Soul of God, which is the Christ, comes not with phenomena, and wonders which the physical eyes may see, Christ comes as the lightning comes, by *illumination* of the darkened mind. As

the lightning flashes across the clouded, storm-swept sky and illuminates the vast darkness with positive force and light, *so is the illumination of the soul, when the mind is purified and developed by the Christ power.*

The lightning illustrates illumination.

There can be no lightning where there is no darkness and in these days the sun (soul) is darkened, and the moon (body, reflection) does not give light, the stars (ideas, thoughts) shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

Heaven is a state of mind.

It is the good, purified condition of mind.

There are some to-day who claim to know where the Messiah of the age is in preparation to demonstrate to the world his Sonship with God. Some say he is in the deserts of Arabia or Persia, while others claim he is in the secret school of the occult in India.

But Jesus said he is in the illumination of the darkened world, when the heavens are darkened and shaken—when pure minds are darkened and shaken by false beliefs, christians and prophets. “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven.” The sign of the soul of man—the soul of man appears to mind. It can be seen, felt, and known, the Soul of Christ, “and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn”—all that is of the earth, the earthly loves and desires, the longings of the flesh shall mourn, for with illumination, the lustful earthly desires are destroyed, and *then* “they shall see the Son (Soul) of Man com-

ing in the clouds of heaven with *power and great glory.*"

"And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet." The understanding and awakening to truth. The trumpet is the spirit of light; angels are the awakening of ideas, thoughts, *light*, the soul of gods who are manifested to the soul receiving sight, and illumination. There are no signs of soul until after illumination. Nothing of the Christ or soul is manifested to the physical or material in signs or wonders. After illumination the Christ comes. He comes to all alike, not outside, but within, when the mind is shaken of its false ideas and listens to the voice of truth.

He also prophesied that the generation of signs and wonders would not pass away before illumination comes, before the seekers for truth shall know that the truth dwells within the soul of man and not without, in phenomena and signs and wonders.

No one knows when the souls of men are awakened, only the Father, the Christ within them knows.

"Heaven and earth (mind and flesh) shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

"Therefore, be ye realy, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

"Watch, therefore, for you know not what hour your Lord shall come."

Prepare the mind and purify the soul. Cleanse it and make it ready, pure, clean and receptive to the positive thoughts of Good, Truth, and Love, for if you

make ready the Lord, Christ will dwell within the soul and then are you illuminated and are in sonship with him who comes before you.

All men have not had the spiritual or Christ birth in the beginning. Men were created by God, but man was not as God, *all good*. Man was God in the flesh. When man was entirely spiritual he was with God, uncreated. God's Word (desire) made man flesh, and not all spiritual, however the desire of God dwells within all men.

The Word (desire) was made flesh and dwelt among us. And the flesh knew him not.

But soul (Christ) knows and can become as God. The desire of the mind is the word. A word is a thought. The Word of God is the thought of God. Therefore, the thought of God became flesh. God is the Scul of all and the soul accumulates all thoughts. Our bódies are the reflection or likeness of our soul. We are the image of our souls. The universe, all within it, is the accumulated thought of God—they are his bcdy, his image, his reflection, his physical life. A desire is a thought, the thoughts are the soul, the thought of God is the word, the word is the desire and the desire is soul.

The flesh does not know, does not recognize the soul. The flesh never knows it has soul until soul recognizes itself. No man is in any seeret place, in the monasteries or in the desert preparing to become a Christ. The preparation of the Christ is the preparation of the soul to receive him and *know* him. It is the

illumination of the mind, soul and body, quietly and at an hour when no man knoweth, except the Father who will declare him.

This is the coming of the Christ, the bearer of peace and good-will to all men.

We cannot see God (or soul) at any time unless we are begotten (born again) of God. Development of the Christ enables us to *see* and *know* God.

John, representing water or mind, is the forerunner. Mind conveys an idea to the soul and the soul accepts and absorbs the idea. The idea is then transmuted into substance and the substance is one part of soul, it becoming the greater or lesser part according to the force and number of thoughts or ideas that follow, for all ideas in harmony with it help to build it.

The first thoughts or ideas for truth, for something tangible and beyond the vague or superstitious, are followed with a desire to know and investigate laws and theories we have not known. In this way we are awokened to the fact that the doctrines and commandments of men do not explain truth, only in an untenable way, and in contradiction and antagonism toward all who do not accept their materialistic views.

Conception is the receiving, the planting of the seed. When conception takes place, the germ of life is sown. The soul is the receiver, the life moulder, for it moulds the thoughts of mind into substance.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, gave to the world a son conceived and born in knowledge and the power of the Holy Ghost. The great mystery of Jesus' conception

and birth is contained herein. He was not just born as others are born, for Mary knew the Holy Ghost, what it was, where it was, and was overshadowed with its power. Her knowledge and use of the great truth and mystery gave Jesus the Divinity from conception and needed only the development.

Peace comes only with harmony. Peace does not dwell in chaos and contradiction and antagonism. Christ brings peace on earth and good-will to all, and as we draw to soul the substance of peace and good-will we draw to us the Christ.



*THE GOLDEN RULE;  
OR LAW OF KARMA.*

## The Golden Rule; or Law of Karma.

"Do unto others as you wish that they should do unto you."—The Golden Rule.

"As ye sow so shall ye reap."—The Law of Karma.

Karma is the exact Law of Justice and demands payment in full for all crimes we may commit and for all natural laws that we may break, or that we may have broken in every stage of our existence.

If we break a law, we must suffer for it. That is Karma. It is also the great law taught by Jesus.

We suffer because we have been untrue to our own selves. If we commit a crime, we break a law,—a divine law which gives every individual freedom and rights of which no man has the right to deprive him.

When we begin to suffer we are then paying back Karma.

Jesus tells us plainly that the Golden Rule is the Law of Karma.

Do unto your neighbor, your friend, your enemy, your foe as you would have him do unto you and you will build a law of freedom and justice. It is not difficult to do unto those whom we love as we would wish to be done by, but the great struggle comes when we are just and loving toward one who hates us, and who would harm us. That is the test.

If we had no enemies, if we loved all and all loved us, there would be no need of law or justice or the Golden Rule.

We reap just what we sow. The Master taught all the principles of the law of sowing and reaping.

If we sow thistles and thorns why should we expect wheat and corn? There is the higher law, the divine law, the law man never made—it is that *we are done by, as we do.*

We came into the world (Did you ever stop to think of it?) *because we loved it.* We came of our own free will. God never made anything and placed it where it did not belong or did not wish to go. We were drawn earthward because we loved (*desired*) it. It was a part of us always and we a part of it. When we dwelt in the soul sphere as a divine thought, before we became flesh we were a part of all life. That is why we became flesh. Thus were we wrought in the image of our Maker.

No man ever suffered for being good.

We suffer because we have done wrong. The body may suffer, we may be persecuted and scourged in the flesh but the soul never suffers for right doing.

There is a law for everything.

Some say, "I have suffered only through others." Jesus suffered, not because of his sins, but because of others. Yet the soul of Jesus never suffered. Why did he reap persecutions and injustice when he sowed seeds of love, justice and mercy? He did not reap injustice or persecutions—he reaped eternal life. He

overcame all enmity because he sowed the seeds that bore fruit of life. He lifted himself up. He said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me," and those who in ignorance helped to lift him up thought they were destroying him.

The blind human hates, and greed and envy think they can destroy life. They can destroy no life *except their own*.

We are done by as we do. If we do an unkind or a wicked act we draw unkindness and wickedness to us. We surround ourselves with the atmosphere of human minds. Some one is wicked to us. We deserve it because we have done so unto another.

"Beware of false prophets," the Master warns us, "for by their fruits ye shall know them."

The words we speak, the acts we commit, the thoughts we think make the human tree.

A good, pure thought never produced an evil, wicked act. A good, pure mind does not accumulate thoughts of envy, wickedness, hate, jealousy and malice.

Can you not see *why* you reap evil when you feel assured that you were *not* always good?

If a man were to strike you for doing him a good turn, if he abuses you and is ungrateful and unkind, he does not hurt you.

If you have been kind and loving to one and that one hates you, he has not hurt you, he has not condemned you, nor destroyed you, but he is slowly but surely destroying his *own self*.

You say, "No one can think and do good all the time."

There have been few, but Jesus said, "Let the tares and the wheat grow together until the harvest." Until the soul awakens and knows itself. Then, "Gather together first the tares and bind them into bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn."

One by one we are able to gather together the tares, which are only evil thoughts and evil deeds. We separate the good from the bad and store it away unto Christ, the soul.

If we do unto others as much as we *know right*, we are gathering the good together.

We do not always do right as well as we know. Few sin in blindness and ignorance.

The wicked are not always blind, they know the wickedness. They know within themselves, in their own hearts, and they are wicked because they love the evil.

Did you ever stop to think, to reason, that an evil thought of any kind, whether it be envy, jealousy, hate, or lust, is but a snare to destroy your soul? *It is a poison.* You drink the thing that kills you, that stabs you in the back, in the dark, when you harbor evil thoughts.

Jesus demonstrated all the laws of love and kindness. They have called him, "that great serene man." He was serene and calm when every evil force in the world was arrayed against him, but Jesus *knew*.

Every pleasure that usurps duty or honor or truth

is a destroying archangel.

Lustful, sensual pleasures, the keen thrill of delight over an enemy's downfall are illusions of the evil ones.

All evil comes from the mind. It is born of the mind, created by mind.

Sin creeps in through broken laws.

Man disobeyed divine law.

Man dies if he continues breaking them. He destroys both soul and body.

Every time we are unkind, we break the law of kindness.

Every time we lie we break the law of truth, and we are not truth, we are liars.

Every time we hate we break the law of love. We are not love, we are hate and our companions of thought are hate, envy, malice, and jealousy. Thus are we done by as we do.

We are *what we think*, and each of these thoughts is held by the soul and *becomes a part of the soul*.

*In this way do we build the soul.*

The only way to destroy evil is to quit thinking it.

If an evil thought creeps into the mind, *replace it with a kind thought. Transmute it.*

We have no right to force another to our own opinions of right and wrong. We know the law. Persuade men only according to divine laws.

We have no right to demand of another what he is not willing to give.

If we are kind and loving toward all our fellow-

men, if we give out tenderness and truth, we build *all within our souls*. If men do not appreciate all this kindness and love, if they persecute and condemn us, why should we care? We are *building soul and no one but ourselves can reach our own soul*.

This is a world of souls. God does not stop and hate because evil hates *Him*. God goes *on loving, demonstrating goodness*, peace and happiness, and all that is evil cannot destroy all that is good.

To fight and struggle against the good does not destroy it. We destroy only what is within us, thus reaping what we sow.

When we see a righteous man suffer from the deeds and thoughts of evil doers, he does not reap what they sow. His soul climbs on upward with every thought and act of love.

He is lifting himself up and will draw all men unto him.

Analyze your thoughts before you think them.

Are you justified in hating any one, no matter what *they* have done to you or wish to do to you?

Each thought they think builds *their* soul, *not yours*.

Thoughts are seeds. They ripen into fruit and grain accordingly as they are sown.

Karma is reaping what *you* have sown and not what *some one else has sown for you*.

You do not reap from another's sowing unless *you* think it.

Ignorance does not excuse us,

There are few so ignorant of right and wrong, of good and evil, that they sin in blindness.

The wicked are not blind, nor ignorant.

They are violent because they love violence.

They are in darkness because they love darkness and the sins darkness breeds.

We all cling to what we love. Evil clings to evil because it loves evil.

We have all the rules, all the laws, of righteousness in the Gospels. Jesus taught them to us. "Love ye one another." "Bear ye one another's burdens." "Do unto others as you would be done by."

Man needs no other laws. If he follows these he will accomplish the highest man can attain. "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy strength and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

To love another as we love self requires much persevering, much strength, much mind, much soul, sometimes, but the more strength and mind, and soul we have, the greater is our capacity for loving.

It is easy to love those who love us, who are good and kind and gentle with us, because love begets love and when we meet with love it is an easy thing to respond.

Note how hard it is to go to the outcast, the man who is deliberately destroying his own soul and body, and call this man brother.

We have read of the man who went down Jericho's road and fell among thieves, who stopped him and

stripped him, and wounded him, and left him to die, but we little realize what this Jericho road means. There are few of us who have not fallen on the same old Jericho road. We are daily traveling that road and the thieves are waiting to strip us of life and strength and all that we have. Little does man reckon that the sinful desires of his heart are the greatest robbers and thieves he has to contend with.

They are the most subtle and cunning for they know the weakness in the strongest locks and bolts. Who ever partook of a sinful pleasure and was satisfied for any length of time? Sin keeps demanding more and more because it soon loses taste of the pleasure it enjoys for the moment.

It is restless and ever seeking—like the wicked spirit in the Bible—“it seeketh rest and findeth none”—it is constantly drawing, sapping, and seeking, taking all and giving *nothing*.

This is one of the thieves of the Jericho road.

A priest came down that way, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

Do you know what this priest is? Do you know who the man going down Jericho road is?

The man is the soul journeying against the desires of the flesh; the priest is the bigoted self-righteous mind that refuses to see and care for the wounded, struggling soul. It is your own mind, by the way, which loves the world better than soul, which is heartless, cold, and unmoved by suffering.

A Levite came by and paused a while and looked on

him, but he also passed on the other side. The Levite dwells in many proud, haughty, self-righteous minds which stop only long enough to satisfy curiosity and then passes on its accustomed, distainful and vainglorious way.

But the good Samaritan is he whose mind is full of love and kindness, who will minister to the needs of the soul, who will listen and hearken to its cries of distress for freedom and for rest.

This is the mind which thinks and does kind, righteous acts without thought of reward.

The Christ mind does not seek reward. It does not seek glory—it only does its duty to its own soul and to others. It does unto others as it would be done by.

Jesus lived the truth for us so that we might profit by his deeds, his works, his words.

In the beginning he realized that man, as soul, cannot exist on the material breath of life. Worldly fame, glory, and splendor will not construct a soul that will live. It is building on the sands, for matter, or material does not exist long in one form. *Soul only lives.* Therefore we must *build* soul if we would build on the rock, if we would live.

There are many different kinds of souls.

There are material souls, selfish souls, jealous souls, envious, malicious and dishonest souls, but these souls do not exist forever. They are either purified and lifted up or they are destroyed by the mind that creates them.

God does not destroy evil souls; *they destroy them-*

*selves.*

*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*

Fire and brimstone will destroy and burn up but the fire and brimstone that destroys the soul is the evil mind that consumes and destroys the soul by its evil thoughts sent surging through it.

God does not hold evil. God does not equalize evil and walk hand in hand with it. The good in a man's soul either counter-balances the evil or the evil counter-balances the good. The soul may reach a stage where it is momentarily half good and half bad, but it cannot long remain so, for it will go on building on one side or the other and so one overcomes the other.

In following the example of the Nazarene we soon learn to counter-balance evil and so build the soul according to his precepts.

Love ye one another and do unto others as you would have others do unto you, and the Karmic laws of the past are null and void.

The robes are washed and made clean, the sins, though as crimson, are white as snow.

John, in Revelations, tells us that those who wear the robes of white are those who overcome many errors. Man does not answer for the sins of others nor for the wickedness and hate of those who hate him. No man is so good as to never fall. The good man is tempted and tried even more, a thousand times more, than the evil man. He may fall many times also, but he comes up from all these trials and tribulations and

makes himself clean.

Trials we may have without sin and tribulations also, but the man who has sinned deeply and who becomes strong enough to triumph over all that besets him is just as worthy as the man or woman who never sinned, were that possible.

He that is strong enough to cleanse his soul and build it over in the image of good, righteousness and love, is as great as he who never built evil into his soul. He can attain as much, he can become as pure as though he had never sinned, and Karma is overcome or worked out through his suffering.

All the tares he may have sown are gathered together and burned up by the might and struggles of his own soul's fire, and the wheat is gathered together and bears fruits of righteousness within his soul.

The law of Karma is—*you reap what you sow*, either at once or in the long distant future, perhaps in another incarnation.

No man can hope to sow evil and reap good, to do wicked deeds and inherit law and peace.

Karma is *just* always. It produces just what is sown, sooner or later.

Do as you would be done by is to escape from the bondage of evil *Karma*.



*THE JUDGMENT.*

## The Judgment.

"The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth these also doeth the Son likewise."

"The Father judgeth no man but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."

Who is the Father and who is the Son?

When we have seen the Father we will have seen the Son, for the Father and Son are one.

When we are born again—regenerated, when the soul is cleansed of all its uncleanness and enters into unity with the Father, it is then the Son of God. It has attained Sonship or Christhood. It seeth the things the Father (God) doeth, for understanding is given and the spiritual eyes are opened to perceiving spiritual things. Those who have attained Sonship do the will of the Father and are like Him, expressing godliness, tenderness, mercy and truth in all thoughts, actions, words and works. And as the eyes of the young man of olden times were opened by the prayers of Elisha, so also are the eyes of those born blind with material and worldly blindness opened by the desires and prayers of the soul.

When desire is sent charging through the soul from the mind and our eyes begin to see a glimmer of the

truth and where and what truth is, then the great day of judgment has come. And in those days “shall the sun be darkened and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.” These are the days of trials and tribulations, for all looks dark to us, the material splendor of the worlds which have been the brightness of life to us begin to fade and are darkened. The moon of all glitter and promise of fame and power loses its brightness. Stars indeed fall—those stars that have lured us on in quest of earthly pleasures and dreams, these shall fall and the powers of all heaven shall be shaken, for even the soul is shaken to its utmost when it passes judgment upon itself.

For does not Jesus tell us that, “the Father judgeth no man but hath committed judgment upon the Son.”

Every son of God judges himself. He judges every word, every thought, every act and every deed of himself.

When you turn away from false beliefs, evil and sensual desires and selfishness, you have repented of sin and have confessed the Christ. Then judgment, cold, stern, and severe, takes its stand and we pay the last farthing.

“Thou shalt in no means come out from them until thou hast paid the last farthing.”

This is the day when the sign of the Son of Man shall appear in heaven. It is the sign of the Chist’s coming, that great judgment day we await with such

fear and trembling.

The soul stands as a record and confessor of all ages past. We see it face to face and know where we are and what we have been.

We see what we have built,—a useless shell or husk or a beautiful, durable mansion, like as Jesus told us were in the Father's house.

It may be to-day or it may be to-morrow with us, but it is always here with us and within us and is not some great, terrible, distant event.

When this day comes it should be a day of rejoicing, for man should rejoice to find himself—his soul. Man in reality is soul. The flesh, the body only manifests soul.

The words, the actions, the deeds, the works, they are the soul manifested.

“Have I done right—have I done wrong?” you ask yourself, and the soul answeres. It answers you in all you have done, all you have accumulated for the soul, as one has said, is the “accumulated experience of man.” His experience has been what his mind desired and thought upon, and as he dwells upon his past experience, analyzing them and thrusting good and bad apart, he is the judge. It is the good in man, the longing to attain godhead which gives him the power to so judge himself. The small god (or good) just awakening into life within him, within his soul, is the Son, the infant Christ passing judgment.

“And then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn.” All the desires and clinging steadfastness of flesh and

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evil mourn this day.

They will come forth stronger than ever, tearful, pained and suffering, but this is the suffering one must count with joy.

At this stage of judgment we are condemned or saved, we are thrust out into the darkness or we ascend towards the throne of God, clothed in the whiteness of spiritual truth and wisdom.

How do we condemn ourselves?

By refusing to allow the Spirit to descend upon us. By claiming unity and sympathy with the lusts of the flesh. By refusing to give up the material and worldly splendors and desires for the spiritual.

But when we so judge ourselves and turn away then we shall see the “Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And his angels shall come with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds of heaven, from one end of heaven to the other.” This is the soul awakened in the likeness of the Christ.

It can be seen.

It can be seen in great power and glory and all its goodness, all its thoughts of righteousness and purity, of love and unselfishness are gathered together from mind, soul, body and earth, from one end of heaven to another, and it passes on into sonship, judged righteously by the Son, who sees as the Father and doeth the thing the Father doeth.

Do you know, do you fully understand that every thought you think, every word you have spoken (good

and ill), every action and every deed is recorded indelibly in the soul? The soul is the Lamb's Book of Life, and in it the names of those who come up from the pits of earth's darkness, illusions and snares are written.

When we see the soul, know *where* it is and what it is, then we are able to read and know as we are known.

Ah, perhaps pages are written there that will bring the scalding tears of shame and remorse to your eyes.

It is better so. It is good for you when these tears come, for then you are beginning to see and are being judged by righteous judgment.

When these tears refuse to come, when man feels no pain, no remorse over the picture of evil and darkness before him, he has not repented. The past belongs to the past and we need not dwell upon past sins and become discouraged and hopeless, but the past is never dead until it is judged by the spirit or the soul.

Then we must rise up from the troubled waters and walk in newness of life.

When we do this the sins of the ages and the past experiences of all time and of this life belong to us no more. We have washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb—which is the Life of the Christ. Blood is the symbol of Life; the Lamb is the symbol of Christ.

When we have done this—when we have washed the soul in purity and godliness, we stand “before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in the temple (the body is the temple of the Living God);

and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell with us. And we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more."

"For the Lamb (Christ) which is in the midst of the throne (the soul) shall feed us and shall lead us unto living fountains of water and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes."

It makes no difference how dark the past may have been, perhaps the record of many ages, many lives stand before you, but remember the Master said, "Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them like snow."

It is all within one's own self and power.

One can develop and blot out all that is recorded against him if he so wills or desires.

The past has no power when enlightenment and understanding comes. Christ purifies all. Has Christ no power, that one must be forever paying back a past Karma?

All past Karmas can be wiped out forever with the attainment of the Christ.

For "God himself will be with them, and be their God." There is no more crying for earthly things—no more hunger for the fruits of the evil and of flesh, and we shall thirst no more for the waters of illusion and desires, for these things shall all pass away.

"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

When we read the records of the Soul of Jesus which was the Christ we are not blinded by vague

theories and speculations as to truth.

No laws are laid down for man to follow except the laws of right.

He said, "Follow me,"—"Do the works that I do," and he also said, "Greater works than these can ye do, because I go unto my Father."

Is it possible for those who bear his name in truth and in spirit and who are the image of the Father, to do greater works than Jesus the Christ has done? Jesus said it could be so, and God says, "He that overcometh shall inherit *all things*."

We know when we have overcome. We know when we are tempted whether we resist. We are able at all times to judge right from wrong, good from evil. No man was ever so helpless, so blind that he could not distinguish between right and wrong, or between duty and desire.

Desire is strong because the flesh is strong.

It is strong because it is visible. Yet we have not always known that the flesh, the desires of the flesh, are in truth the desires of the soul and the mind.

Analyze the mind and pass judgment upon your soul.

What do you think?

What have you thought?

In remembering that the soul is the accumulated experience of man?

The soul when seen betrays the experiences of its past existence.

How far can the eyes see when once awakened to the

truth? Responsibility rests upon us here, now, in the life on earth, not off it. The God within you cries out for unfoldment, or development; it struggles for freedom, for expression, and within yourself is all power and the only power capable of answering and leading onward to perfection and peace.

All conditions you live in, mental, moral, or physical, you have builded for yourself.

Soul is your real self.

An evil man is really an evil soul.

An evil thinking mind builds an evil, black soul.

Unbelief, disbelief, mistrust, harsh and cruel judgment of others, whose souls you do not know and cannot see, builds just such a soul.

And the soul remains ever a living testimonial for or against you. That is the reason the Master said, "Judge not lest ye be judged."

Blinded eyes cannot see the sun before them nor all the beauties of life, neither can the blind soul see the brightness of goodness and truth about them nor the beautiful life of the Christ.

Mind rules the world. It rules because all it builds lives in the soul. Not one soul but many souls. Every man, woman and child are building, building a world of souls. We see cities fall and the earth torn asunder by upheavals of violence and the tides of the seas. People shudder and tremble. And there are wars and rumors of wars and nations prepare to rise against nation. Preparations are ever being made to guard and protect one against the other, all the time minds

and thoughts and actions are defiantly hurling vibration after vibration of antagonism and aggression one against the other. And we wonder why there is no peace.

We wonder why an empire fell or a city was destroyed. We do not recognize that it is in reality judgment of souls. We make the world. It is a dwelling place for souls.

The evil soul is heavier than a pure soul just as muddy, stagnant water is heavier than the clear, pure spring water.

A coarse brain is heavier than a finer fibered one. The thoughts it contains makes it coarse or fine. The coarse and the gross of all material, whether of mind, matter or merchandise, is heavier than that which is purified and refined. In the process of making sugar we can readily understand that the refining process it undergoes makes it lighter, finer and sweeter.

It is so with the soul.

A pound of beets will not make a pound of sugar. The coarse, crude material must be refined out.

Thus coarse, gross vibrations or thoughts of the mind are heavier than purer thoughts of love, good-will and truth. Where many evil souls congregate together there is more weight on the earth. So an evil nation is destroyed by *its own power and force, by its own mental laws, disobedience and crimes.*

Jesus said, "He that looketh upon a woman to lust after her is guilty of adultery." He is guilty because his mind is an adulterous, lustful mind,

That mind builds an adulterous, lustful soul.

That soul lives and bears record. All deeds, acts, thoughts, are written to be read when judgment comes and registers for or against us.

“Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.”

## The Awakened Soul.

As the dawn of morning breaks with the rising of the sun, so do the first faint beams of truth herald the rising day of illumination.

When the soul sits shrouded in the dusky folds of the twilight or orthodoxy which leads only into deeper darkness and night, it hungers and thirsts, groping in blindness, unsatisfied, for something alive, real and solid.

The clouded, far away, unseen, unknowable God is not the God that comes to us and dwells with us in close kin and companionship.

How can we love a thing that we dare not touch—something too far away and too good for us?

Such teachings have given us a great, stern, majestic, masculine being, who cannot accept our poor, pitiful, helpless, blundering love, no matter how much it may be, because we are unworthy of His notice and consideration. How can we even attain happiness and perfection under such rulership?

How can we know the needs of humanity—the heart of humanity, if we look away from earth and search among the clouds, beyond all ken for something that will not respond to our woeful cry for help and succor?

God the Father is *with* us.

The Father dwells with his children, loves them and protects them.

The love of God is greater than all other love and is as the parent's love, for God is Father and Mother of all. Therefore, as Father and Mother He dwells right with us—in the midst of us, among his children.

We need not look away from earth to find God. If we do we will not see Him for He is here with us, around us, *within* us. He is us. He is "the word made flesh," and dwells among us.

We all bear his likeness more or less. Some have gotten so far away and journeyed so long with strangers, strange gods and false beliefs, that they have lost much of His likeness, His resemblance, but it is somewhere within us all. It is in the better part of us. That which is best in us bears the likeness of God. It may be dim and blurred and almost faded, but the good that is within, desired, still retains a resemblance to the Father.

The earth is the body of God, just as we are the body of our souls. Our souls have more than one body. We create and build a soul and then we create life to dwell forever in the soul. The soul is a living, breathing, deathless thing *when awakened*.

The Christ soul never dies.

When the soul first desires something more than it finds in the current teachings it has then begun its conception, the conception of truth—Christ.

As it searches it begins to grow—it accumulates—

and builds up its life; it is then born anew—again.

It opens its eyes to the life of Christ and is a son of God.

Then, as it begins to walk, to lisp, to learn, it takes on the likeness of its parents and dwells ever with them. The Christ-born soul seeks God in all about it. Nor does it lose sight of the fact that it has many brothers and sisters who are all of the same family.

The brotherhood of man, what is it?

It is recognizing the fact that we are all of one parent, one family.

The awakened soul grasps the great truth as it slowly unfolds to the brightness of the Christ within.

Unfoldment comes as the blush comes to the rose.

Watch it grow and read the mystery of the unfolded soul.

Gradually, serenely, naturally it responds to the warm, subtle rays of the sun. It responds, it yields to the influence and magnetism, and its beautiful crimson color comes from its rays and bears the exact image of the sun. Within its center is the white light of purity, around this, as if to shield it over, is a circle of gold, while the petals borrow the crimson from the outer corona, the one which is nearest to mankind and which is the representation of love. This is the secret and the symbol of the Rosicrucian Rosy Cross, the sun representing the Son of God, blending and moulding humanity into responsive being.

The awakened soul sees and reads all mysteries of nature with unerring accuracy.

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Let thy soul unfold gently, slowly, and you will know the secrets of the soul. There is the knowledge of the ages stored up within it and the reading of the secrets may be an easy task when you have learned to read.

Too many force the way to unfoldment or the awakening. This is bad. It retards growth and sometimes balks it entirely.

Clear the mind of all evil, sensual thoughts.

Desire that which is pure and holy.

Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

It is not necessary to wait for an imaginary resurrection day, afar off and terrible, to see God.

The pure in heart see God daily, and as Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God," so do they who are pure in mind see God, while in the flesh. All flesh is God for the "word became flesh and dwelt among us," but when we look far away beyond the within how can we see what we thrust behind us?

God is in us.

God is in our thoughts, our hearts, our minds, when we purify the mind and make it a fit companion for the thoughts of God.

All thoughts are companions.

We associate in the thought world with the companions most agreeable to us just the same as we associate with them on the physical plane. We cannot hold thoughts of hatred and violence toward our fellow-men and then be fit companions for God. When

individuals read their own souls and come to an understanding of what they owe to themselves and the world in general then will peace come, and the Brotherhood of Man will be universal.

"Love thine enemy as thyself—love them that hate you," for "even the hypocrites know enough to love those who love them."

Do not covet anything that is thy neighbor's.

When Jesus told his disciples to "love thy neighbor as thyself," they asked, "Who is my neighbor?" The person who lives next door is not always neighborly, and sometimes friends are far away and this thought came into their minds, when they asked the question.

The Master explained in the parable of the Good Samaritan, and it left no doubt in their minds. It is easy to understand that the man whose soul is loving, strong and sympathetic is the neighborly man.

He who extends the helping hand in time of need is the neighbor. Friends and neighbors are easy to have when one is always successful and needs ask for nothing. It is when the time of need comes that the friend makes himself known.

So with the man going Jericho road, so with the man of to-day. The compassionate heart is needed here, now, and with the awakening of the soul comes the desire to benefit all mankind far and near, for we then understand what we are to each other. Help others and others will help you.

Man is ruled by the hidden desires of his heart.

Thoughts are not invisible only to the sleeping soul.

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They are the betrayers—the Judas Iscariots—that stealthily come in the night for thoughts soon manifest themselves in one way or another.

Soon the awakened soul knows its thoughts.

It does not require many efforts to subdue the will and think as we will to think.

The awakened soul has *understanding*.

Good and evil go in vast processions beside us. We know both—know the false from the true, the good from the evil.

Thoughts clamor to be heard. We hear only what we will to hear and what we hear we think.

The ears must listen to that which is fit only for gods to hear. The eyes see only that which is fit for gods to see. The tongue speaks only that which is fit for gods to speak.

Kindness becomes more than kindness for we know in awakening what it is to be kind.

We cease to ask for things when we begin to know, for we realize that receiving depends on the giving. If we give out little how can we ask for much? If the sun's rays were less strong and penetrating it would draw less moisture from the earth. The more we give, the more we receive, for we draw to us according to our power and strength, as we give out.

We are able to discriminate between good and evil, right and wrong. The soul awakened cannot make many mistakes in giving. Give as we have to give, and that is not much. We give just what we have to give, no more, no less. Love, tenderness, goodness,

mercy and truth, we give of each as much as we possess. It is hard for us to give up the self we have become so infatuated with.

Accepting the new and renouncing the old fills us with bitter pain and a great melancholy seizes us as we bid farewell to the illusions of the flesh that have held us so long entranced with their glamor.

We cling to the old until we realize the utter impossibility of its conformity to the new—the rousing and awakening. We see, we must see in spite of all former darkness, that the thoughts, the mind, the desires, are the moulders, the makers, the finishers of our destiny. When we realize the fact that we must continue to remain awake and alive to our consciousness if we go on Christward, we then find it easier to renounce former ties and material loves.

Pain and suffering are the first warnings of the birth of a new life in the material sense.

It also follows to the mental plane for it is seldom that we change opinions, long fostered and believed without a struggle accompanied by pain and disappointment. Yet we sacrifice only that which we have no use for. We must outgrow a thing we really have no use for. It does not fit, so why need we try to wear it.

Re-birth or awakening into new life and understanding fastens its pangs of travail upon us stronger than mental or physical, for it is hard to mould ourselves into new conditions. Yet, when the dawn is over us and the understanding is full upon us, when

we view the past beliefs as we view a passing cloud we hail the new birth, the awakening of the dawn as we view the rainbow in the summer sky.

Peace, the archangel of life eternal, is ours. We know how to appreciate that which comes through struggle. But we are prepared now for the struggles to come. We know what the Master knew now, that the struggle brings its reward. We are not alone—we see where others have trod the weary pathway and entered into peace and understanding.

We throw aside the crown of thorns and accept the halo of light and understanding. We know why men have failed—and we love more because we understand more.

The awakened soul is the understanding soul.

It understands that here on earth is duty or we would *not be here on earth*.

We are placed here for a purpose, a divine reason.

There is God's work here to do—here among us, and *within us*.

We must do this work daily if we would continue on the way. We dare not turn back—the conscience will lash us in twain.

We have become able at this stage to see the mote within *our* own eye. We see what we are and what we have been. Little by little the darkness fades and consciousness expands. We see the likeness in all, everywhere. God's man is here creating, fulfilling, and finishing his destiny; not with sighs and moans but with sincere, good-will and earnestness.

No more unworthy to be called the child of a King—we know who and what we are and we claim our heritage with joy.

The awakened soul is happy. It speaks joy and happiness as it journeys on. Negative morbidness is thrust out and the spirit of optimism wafts in.

Why not? Go onward with a song—the song of Christ—of cheer and good-will, of hope and life eternal. There is no sorrow, no pain, no death for the awakened, responsive, receptive souls.

It illuminates as far as it is itself illuminated and all its surroundings are filled with its light.



*THE SOUL.*

## THE SOUL.

The quality of the soul depends upon the quality of the mind. A pure, God-like, gentle, trusting mind creates a pure, God-like, gentle, trusting soul, and through all ages, through all eternity, the soul stands. It is our judge. It is our betrayer. It is our savior.

If we have attained a slight degree of perfection in goodness and truth, it will live forever in the soul. It cannot be destroyed unless we destroy it by encompassing it as the walls of Jericho were encompassed by a host of Philistine lords of evil. It is a picture painted by an artist—it unerringly portrays every feature in bold, trite accuracy and we stand judged by ourselves—we are betrayed and convicted by our own selves, or we stand in triumphant victory if we judge ourselves righteous. When the soul reveals itself and we are able to see and read aright we know *what we are*. As though a veil were lifted and we see beyond the far, dim, musty past where in ages of blindness and egotism we have built just what we are. The record is there. We have kept it. It is not blurred nor broken. It is plain, unchanging and true. Far better is it for a man to lose the whole world than to lose his own soul. When the soul is lost then all is lost.

A perverted mind produces a perverted soul.

An abnormal mind produces an abnormal soul.

An unnatural mind produces an unnatural soul.

What the mind is, the soul will be.

When you think certain thoughts you form or mould a picture of your thoughts and this picture lives, for it has life. It is a thing—it is real. It is yours to condemn you when the hour of judgment comes, or it is the Redeemer whose presence you have not known. When you stand upon the summit of earthly desires, clothed only in the husks of mortal flesh, without one white light of soul to hold you from the deep, dark precipice of death, you are lost.

But no matter how tiny the spark, if it is there it will kindle and flame into life if you turn away.. O Neophyte, turn from the illusions of the senses, the flesh, the earth earthly.

God dwells everywhere, in all life. God is not behind a veil. He is not shrouded in a veil of mystery—He is *everywhere*. He seeks to be known. We *wear the veil—not God*. We do not see Him, only because we are blind.

Because we cannot see, we say God is beyond, is unknown, or unknowable. But when we break away from illusions, senses, and the flesh we find Him *knowable* and known. We see Him as He is and we know Him and we know that we are like Him; that we are a reflection of His Soul, His Body:

We know that as the sun is the soul of the universe, so must He be the Creator, the Father of the Universe,

He is the mind, the sun is the soul, and the universe is the body—the reflector of mind and sun.

The sun is the magnetic force. It draws from the Creator the strength, and the life forces that exist in all things. We are but the reflections of the Soul of God—the image, the likeness. Christ is the Son (or Sun). Christ is the Soul of the Creator—God. When we take on the likeness of Christ we reflect the Soul of God. This is the Immaculate Conception—the Holy Ghost born in the manger.

When we break away from the illusions and love of the earth, when we begin to long for a pure heart, a purified soul, we have planted the seeds of conception. When we begin to grow into goodness, truth, and virtue, we are preparing for birth—the birth of Christ. And as the three ancient wise men were led across deserts and seas, so may our mind, our soul, our body bow in reverence and thanksgiving before the babe, the Christ of our own soul, the *Saviour of all men*. We discern the lowness of the habitation of flesh—the manger of Bethlehem. At His feet we lay our choicest gifts and return, each unto our own country, where no illusions of the kings of earthly desires have power to destroy the Holy Child, the Christ *within us*.

All that Jesus was, we can be. Within him was fostered the seed of the Christ—within him was born the Son of God; within him, grown into maturity, was the Saviour of the world. He was human just as much as we are human. He was flesh and blood and bones,

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just as we are. He was born under the same laws, subject to the same temptations, trials and suffering and sorrows that we are. But He knew what few of mankind knew—that a Christ dwelt in him as it does in all of us. He knew a Divine Spark of Life, God, existed in every individual. Jesus was mortal, but his Christhood, his Sonship was God immortalized in him.

When the thoughts of his mind turned to the material comforts of life—we are told He even hungered—He recognized that in God only existed the eternal, the real comforts by which the soul lives. And when the thoughts of power over all the kingdoms of earth began to stir him—He realized that only God is power. “And the devil (desires) leaveth Him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.”

All false ideas were cast out. All the illusions of earth and senses were thrust away and behold the illumination of the soul,—the Christ *within* the man Jesus.

Christ is the Soul of God. It is the Son or Sun of God.

The Soul of God is not sexless. The soul of man is not sexless. Soul is as strongly sexed as the body. We read that when God created, He created both male and female. Each has a part in the great creative plan of life. Mind is not sexless. There is a masculine mind and a feminine mind. The masculine mind builds the masculine soul. The feminine mind builds a feminine soul. Should the masculine mind build a feminine soul, or the feminine mind build a masculine

soul, creation would soon become sexless and the natural laws of generation would be destroyed and without generation there can be no regeneration, for generation precedes regeneration.

It is woman's duty to build her soul according to the feminine principle of God. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was chosen to represent the motherhood of Christ (God). Woman need not become a weakling, incapable and dependent, because she is feminine, for the feminine principle is just as strong as the masculine, for there could be no masculine without the feminine and no feminine without the masculine. But it should be natural and not malformed or perverted. When woman begins to build a masculine mind she is reversing the natural order of God's law, and while her body, her features, her voice and manners become coarse and masculine, her mind is becoming negative; she is a monstrosity in nature, a disgrace to God and man.

A positive feminine mind produces positive thoughts, as strong as the masculine and in thinking masculine she becomes masculine, thereby building and producing thoughts which subdue the feminine.

She is taking the law into her own hands away from divine rule and order and punishment comes quickly upon all lawbreakers.

It is not necessary to explain the great danger resulting from such misunderstanding or abuse of the law. God did not make man both male and female for if he had creation would have ceased long ago. The

world would have become unsexed. When the soul and mind becomes both masculine and feminine it is the same unnatural and perverted law that produces the two principles in the body. Now and then there are individuals born so, but they are not natural, neither can they create, and what is worse, they *cannot* find a soul nor can they build one. Thus we can easily recognize that while God does possess both masculine and feminine principles, yet they are separate and distinct, one from the other, or creation would stop, and where creation stops there also does regeneration stop.

When the masculine begins to build the feminine, the masculine mind becomes negative and the soul becomes unsexed or inert.

At reincarnation, when the soul takes a new body it would be of neither sex, it would be both man and woman, which is equal to neither. It would necessarily be drawn into surroundings that harmonize, where the minds of the parents are negative, for only the negative mind becomes subjected or receptive to unnatural laws.

The soul is magnetic and draws to it that which is harmonious to itself.

If it is masculine it draws masculine, if feminine it draws feminine. Remember that the masculine is the electrical—the producer, while the feminine is the magnetic—the receiver.

The soul cannot become electrical—it is what the mind wills. The body reflects the soul,

What the soul is, the body is. Therefore if the soul were both male and female it would be reflected *in the body*—the body would be both, for what the mind builds the soul is, and what the soul is the body must be.

Such teachings which would develop both principles are radically wrong. They are dangerous and harmful and not according to divine laws which created man, masculine, and woman for man, feminine. Each has a place in the divine plan and for a good purpose. Woman is the soul of man's soul. He is Lord of her, and she is his soul.

Christ is the Soul or Son of God and dwells in all. When the Christ is born within us we reflect him. Reflecting Him we reflect the Soul of God. The Soul of God is what God produces or builds up. And we are created in His likeness—we work under the same laws.

Jesus said: "I and my Father are one."

Again, he prayed that "All may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us."

Jesus did not separate himself as one sanctified and holy and apart. He did not claim more for himself and less for others. He said, "Thou, Father, in me, and I in thee, and they in us,"—they are those who know the Father, and the Christ, His soul, and they also may be in the soul when they develop the Christ.

Jesus made no law man could not keep.

His laws were not His own, He said, "The works I

do are of God and the words which ye hear are not mine, but the Father's which sent me.' All was divine law, and He claimed no great thing for himself —his mortal self.

The words He spoke were the words made flesh and were full of truth and grace.

Jesus was human and He experienced all that humanity experiences. He was tempted by the same tempter—the lure and attraction of the senses, but He understood, what we fail to understand, that the senses were but false gods that lead to destruction. To overcome the senses does not mean that we cannot enjoy what we have. To subject the senses to the will of righteousness and purity makes us all the more capable of enjoying the things which it is right to enjoy. When we become slaves to sensations we are not the master. To become Masters we must overcome all that leads us away from purity, love and truth.

We may love but we must not love that which is impure. We may enjoy to the full all that is right and pure and holy, but we may not become submerged in the desires of the senses, for they lead us away from the pure and the good.

We are our own *saviors*, just as we are our own creators. We can become as a little child and learn from our own voice the mysteries of the Christ. We can open our own blind eyes to see the secret places of the Most High. We can open our own ears to understanding. We can make the lame soul walk. We can cast out devils of unbelief and selfishness,

We can raise the dead from the tomb of darkened beliefs and iniquity and inherit the kingdom of life eternal.

Only the Christ within ourselves removes the darkness and illuminates the way.

There are those who tell us that the soul of man is the "accumulated experience of man."

Every man knows his own experiences—those of the mind and of the soul as well as of the body. We experience pain and pleasure, joy and sorrow; we experience health and sickness—all is a part, a link, a stage in the making of a soul, and these experiences are woven in truths that make us or mar us. What we get out of life and all preceding lives makes us what we are.

But we can take every pain and pleasure and analyze the cause of it. The cause may be the savior or the destroyer.

When we begin to analyze the cause of things we can understand the effect. The cause of our pain and sorrow produced the effect of pain and sorrow, whatever that may be. The cause of pain has produced insanity, sickness, and immorality.

We have only to analyze our own lives, our accumulated experience, to know what we have produced. If we had known as Jesus knew we would also be tempted without sin. The Christ was the Light that guarded him and saved him from the darkness and the pitfalls. It is in you and will light you and guide you as it did him, for it is certain and sure and will never fail if

*you will but follow it.*

*As your past has made your present, so will your present make your future. You are now building your own soul. How will you have it?*

## The Building of a Soul.

We accumulate when we begin to build. To build a soul we must first plan the kind of a soul we want, just as the architect plans a house he desires to build. We must plan just what we want to be, *not only in the present, but more especially throughout the future*. We must make a mental picture from the foundation to the attic and we must even decide upon the furniture and the decorations. Harmony must exist from floor to floor. We do not want the same articles in every room, but we do want all that we need placed in such a way as to give the best benefit and service. If we want a palace it may take us much longer to build it, for the most beautiful structures are usually longest in building.

We must first plan, then we accumulate our timber, whatever kind we decide upon, then we must have necessary tools and then we must work. We must work with determination, and with a will, in all kinds of weather, obstacles, losses, and pain, or we will never accomplish what we have undertaken—our house will not be built. When we build a soul we indeed build a house, for it is the house we shall live in throughout all time and eternity. It is necessary therefore to carefully examine, test, and make sure of all that we

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put into it. Everything must fit in, must be chiseled and modeled after the designs of the best and greatest or we may not stand when the flood comes. We are the temples of God. The temples in which God lives, and if we build a temple for God to live in we should build after his own temple and pattern—the Christ.

This is the temple built without sound of hammer. It is the same kind of a temple that Solomon built.

When we accumulate in building the Christ Soul, we begin by thinking. Our thoughts are the material we use with which to build this temple. With the first thoughts we build the foundation. Let it be upon the rock, so that when we are tempted we fall not. We must think upon certain things every day and live and act in harmony with these thoughts. Concentration is accumulation. It is the cause and effect, for the cause always produces the effect. Concentration opens the gates to knowledge. Knowledge is man's greatest inheritance; we live entirely by the knowledge we possess and we have the right to gain as much as we can in every possible way. We demonstrate how much knowledge we possess by the way we live.

It is not necessary to be highly educated in the text-books of schools and colleges to be able to acquire knowledge. The savages possess a knowledge of minerals and nature that few white men possess with all their learning. Men may be educated and yet have little real knowledge.

There are those groping about the paths of materialism, studying and wondering at the mysteries and

forces of nature, of life, unable to solve the least problem of what it is, and where it comes from, although they are mighty in the learning of what the materialists call knowledge.

These teachings are directed toward the cultivation of the inner life and knowledge of the soul.

Few there are who know they have a soul. Fewer still know where the soul is, and what it is. Man must desire a soul before he may possess one, just as we must desire a house before we think of building one. If he does not desire it he will make no effort to possess it. It is therefore necessary to have the desire. What we desire we obtain or attain if we are strong enough to follow our desires to their natural conclusions. If we do not, then we are weaklings.

This is the first step and until the first step has been taken knowledge of the soul is impossible to man. The desire awakens the intuitional forces in man and enables him to gain swiftly, or in a short time, the knowledge which leads to a rapid and sure growth of soul.

Those who have the desire for knowledge will follow as a child the instructions of the masters or the teachers. The a b c's is the hardest lesson to learn. When we have learned them we may begin to read and when we begin to read we begin to acquire knowledge.

Those who are seeking the knowledge of the mystic must come as a child, willing to obey and follow the rules and instructions of those who have gone the way before them and have blazed the trail for their guid-

ance, so that they may be able to avoid the pitfalls and the snares which inevitably fall to the lot of those who attempt to learn the way to the Highest.

The pitfalls and snares are those who with false knowledge and beliefs seek to turn the student away from the right path and lure them into subtle temptations and materialism, and those who rush into the psychic world without preparation are liable to slip and fall into the grossest errors, losing health, mentality and moral strength and often end in insane asylums.

The student must become his own master before he ventures far on the path of initiation and he must then have the protection of one who knows the way thoroughly and who will lead him into the right way. Some seek development and knowledge for self, for power and glory. This is not building a soul. This is only building a structure that will fall, will crumble and go to ruin with the first lashes of the tides and the winds. Self must be left out. It is that part of the timber or stone that must be re-hewn. A part of it only is necessary—just enough to fit in place in accordance with the divine plan. We are workmen. "In my Father's house are many mansions. .... I (Christ) go to prepare a place for you."

It is the Christ within each of us who prepares the place for us. And Jesus went on to say, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that, where I am, there ye may be also."

When our house is ready for us, when we have followed him all the way, then we are where he is and he is with us and we are *one* in the Father and in the Son.

Experience and evolution does not always develop. Development is the awakening of the inner consciousness. Experience is a dear school and those who pass through find many hard and bitter lessons, but not until we come to a realization of the cause of our suffering do we understand what experience is trying to teach us. When we understand that the breaking of certain laws brings inevitable punishment, and that there is no escape from this punishment until we learn the law and obey it, then we take the first step toward development, or illumination, or soul building. Experience teaches us one thing, that it is better to obey the law than to break it.

We do not attain the inner consciousness or illumination by evolution. Evolution belongs to the material. Evolution is knowledge attained through many varied experiences.

Development or illumination may come without experience in the physical or material. If man was created spiritual in the beginning and lost his high estate through an act of disobedience, it was not experience in the first place which illuminated him. He was illuminated before the experience came. He learned that there is a law not made by man which man cannot regulate unto his own way of thinking. Think what we will we cannot change God. We can

only change ourselves. And this is what man learns through experience, that he must change himself. He does not learn this, however, until he is illuminated, until he learns what it is to *build a soul*.

He may have journeyed through many reincarnations and yet never have come to a realization that he has a soul. When the mind becomes negative, and begins to build up something contrary to the laws of the divine plan, man will suffer and continue to suffer and the further away from truth he gets, the more he will suffer, but he may never become enlightened, or developed, or illuminated. He may go through the most terrifying experiences, but experience may teach him nothing for it is possible to destroy the soul, and when the soul is destroyed there is nothing to live. So when man or woman begins to develop contrary to divine order or plans he or she develops a negative state. Male and female were ordered according to divine wisdom, and divinity never ordered them changed.

Feminine mind is half of creation and the most beautiful half at that. The masculine is the other half. One and one are two and two may create, but four cannot create for the divine plan is reversed and to reverse the law is to destroy. Development of the masculine destroys the feminine in woman and she loses her creative powers and with *it her soul*. The same law holds good regarding man.

Woman is not the positive principle in nature and she is not the electrical. When she begins to build a masculine soul she becomes negative in mind for she

also creates a masculine mind.

Her mind is electrical but the soul is magnetic. The soul sends the currents of thought back and the mind, the feminine principles, are destroyed and she builds up a masculine monstrosity. She destroys herself in becoming something else, in reversing the order of the divine plan.

As long as we are peaceable and law abiding citizens we do not suffer from broken laws. But when we break the law we suffer; we even destroy ourselves when we repeatedly break the laws, for governments, even, do not allow a criminal to run at large.

Development may be attained before experience has even taught us anything. Jesus did not learn through experience. When temptations came to him he possessed the knowledge of the law and knew that it was not necessary to experience suffering and disappointment or sorrow in order to learn to overcome them. He knew before that it was not necessary to fall into temptation. He knew this before he was tempted, before experience came. And this is what he taught—to know the law and keep it, and not to break it and then suffer.

We read that he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. That is, he was tempted and did not sin. He knew that there was no enjoyment in sin. He had the knowledge, obtained through his years of training and development, before sin tempted him. We sin before we have the knowledge but that is not necessary, for sometimes we never gain the knowledge even through

sin.

But Jesus did not teach to sin and suffer and then grow into knowledge. He taught men to obey the laws and not break them.

He taught them that breaking the laws brought swift and inevitable punishment, but he did not teach them to break them and learn but to learn first and not break them. He did not teach that suffering brought purification, for it does not always do so. He taught that purification would save us from suffering. He said: "If you drink of the waters I give you, you shall never thirst," but he who drinks of the material waters will thirst again and again. He had reference to the spiritual waters.

You say that Jesus was pure and yet suffered.

He suffered, but he suffered not from broken laws. He suffered because he was willing to suffer in order to show mankind the true way. There are different kinds of suffering. We suffer because of others and for others but not because of self. He saved the world only through his teachings. His material death has nothing to do with salvation, except that he proved himself immortal. He could not have become immortal if he had not developed the Christ—the Soul, or Sonship of God. He taught that *all* men are sons of God if they will obey the laws of God and seek the light.

We do not believe that the sufferings of Jesus were very great. Why? Because his physical sufferings were only of the body, his soul was clean. Mental

agony is far greater than physical pain. He was sorrowful because of the blindness of many, but he always understood. He was persecuted but He suffered not because of it.

In the Garden of Gethsemane he prayed for strength and for the cup to pass from him. Many orthodox teachers claim that he prayed to be saved from death, but this is not true. If we follow him carefully we find that he was at that hour in a state of physical collapse. He even sweated great drops of blood. This was not from fear. It was from physical weakness. There are cases on record in medical history where in physical weakness or approaching death persons have sweat heavy drops of blood. Jesus knew that the approaching ordeal of scourging and confinement would tax his strength to the utmost, and he prayed for the cup of physical weakness to pass and it did pass for the angel came and strengthened him.

Mortal men and even criminals have faced death and torture unflinchingly, therefore it is foolish for any one to think that Jesus would shrink from it.

He suffered not through fear nor cowardice for himself. His sufferings were selfless.

There are masters of to-day who can experience the most terrible torture and yet are immune from suffering.

Jesus' suffering came from the great pity and compassion and love he gave to the blind. He knew his teachings would live. He committed no errors. He taught those who were ready and willing to be

taught and who would go the way, who would obey. He was not afraid; he knew they would learn when they were ready to learn, when the soul awakened by the desires of the mind, would receive and grow *into the Christ.*

## Works and Faith.

Faith produces works and works are faith produced.

Faith is in reality nothing but thought—it is what we think. To have faith in anything is to believe in it. We believe by thinking. The stronger we think the stronger is our belief and our belief is faith.

The thing we have greatest faith in is the thing we do. It is the works of our faith or thought. When a man believes in evil he does evil. He plans and builds and lives in evil because he has faith in the power and pleasures of evil. We demonstrate our faith daily in the work we do.

We see men planning and building. They build and plan according to their faith and what they produce is the works of the faith.

If a man builds a bridge, he builds it because he has faith in it. He *thinks* it, he believes in what he thinks. Thought comes into his mind with an image of a bridge. This bridge is thought. He goes on thinking—then he plans, then he builds. This is faith and works.

No man ever yet did anything he did not believe in.

It is true that millions do the things in which they believe not, but they do them because they *believe* it is to their best interests. Thus they may not believe

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in the act but they believe—have faith—in the results of the act.

If man is lazy, useless and shirks his duty, it is because he believes he is happiest in such condition. He has faith in so much as he does. If he does nothing he has faith in nothing, he thinks nothing, he believes nothing.

We obey faith—or thought.

We build soul on the principles of faith. It is our works. Our soul betrays the kind of faith we have worked under.

Paul says, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for," so the substance of the soul is the faith, it is the thing hoped for.

If we hope and plan and build for peace we have faith in the hope for peace.

We have faith in health if we think health. We have faith in happiness if we think happiness.

You may lie and deceive me, but if I think you are true, that is faith in you, faith in the ideal. I build of you, in the hopes I have in you.

Every man with an idea produces that idea in some form. It will materialize in some manifestation, of thought, word or deed.

It is impossible to hold an idea or thought long without manifesting it in some way.

The man who does not manifest his thoughts has none. There is always an avenue of expression for thought.

Here is the man who never made a success of any-

thing. He is the man who is imposed upon, who is thrust aside for some other more energetic, active, pushing individual who is demonstrating or manifesting his faith in *himself*.

He manifests thought-energy in the energy and push he gives to his works. He is working out his faith. He is doing what he *thinks*—this is his faith. It is the thought he is hoping to realize and attain.

The individual who stands back, who does not push ahead, who is thrust aside, is manifesting his faith and works in so doing. He is not thinking energy and push or he would do it. If he works under another man as a laborer without will and freedom of his own, he demonstrates his faith. If he had faith in larger works, more remunerative employment, he would attain it.

He is demonstrating and manifesting his faith in the occupation or vocation he has chosen.

Faith is not in something outside of ourselves, it is *within us*. It is our *thoughts*. Jesus said, “If ye had faith as the grain of a mustard seed ye could remove mountains.” A mustard seed is a small thing to begin with, but it can grow into vast proportions.

So can thought. So can faith.

We can think many thoughts and yet not believe them or have faith in them, but the thought we think about anything is our faith. We believe in it in some way. We believe in its truth or durability or we believe it is not truth or durable, hence its thought and faith.

Faith is great or small.

It produces itself.

Jesus produced his faith by his works. He taught his faith—he taught his thoughts.

His faith in God was his thoughts of Him.

He demonstrated his thoughts by his works.

Men knew whom he loved, whom he adored; they knew his thoughts or his faith by his life, his acts, his deeds, his works.

Judas Iscariot demonstrated his faith and his thoughts by his deceitful, treacherous deeds.

He had faith in evil because he thought evil and his belief built his soul in harmony with his thoughts.

Some have endeavored to picture Judas as one who assisted Jesus in demonstrating truth and life eternal, but this is not true.

Judas Iscariot was taught as were the eleven disciples. Jesus demonstrated the powers of light and truth, the force of thought to him as well as to the others, and we read where he deceitfully criticised the woman who anointed Jesus with the ointment, saying, "Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor?"

This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief.

He was the betrayer and thief because he had faith in his own evil mind and thoughts.

Betrayers are not God-sent, not God-ordained.

They are sent and ordained by the thoughts of their own minds. Righteousness was never betrayed by

evil because evil was good.

Neither is it necessary for goodness to be demonstrated or helped to its own by evil.

An evil thought never helped anything.

It is as a means of distinguishing good from evil, but it never did and never will help goodness to attain righteousness.

It is not necessary for man to grovel in the dust, the mire, and the slime in order to awaken to goodness and truth.

The soul is not awakened by endless stages of evil incarnations and evolution.

If a man begins his earth journey in evil and continues to cling to evil he destroys himself or forces himself to return to suffer Karmic laws for such evils.

*He does not awaken.*

Evil does not cause suffering until the soul awakens. The soul does not suffer until awakened. The man who is thoroughly evil does not awaken through it.

*One* desire for truth, for something better and purer, awakens man no matter how much evil he has committed, provided he has not committed those sins which destroy the soul.

When the desire is born, thought, or created, then and not till then, does man suffer for his sins.

Judas Iscariot demonstrated his own thoughts when he betrayed the Christ. They bought him with money. He was not the first nor the last to sell the Christ for the love of money. Thousands are committing the same deed every day.

Judas thought to destroy—he destroyed only himself. He had faith in destruction—he demonstrated his thoughts by his works.

Ancient Atlantis is reincarnating in this cycle. Both the good and the bad are reincarnating. The good for good purposes; the evil for evil purposes.

The good have attained higher knowledge and are seeking to benefit humanity and save the land from another deluge.

The evil of Atlantis are also coming again to cause its fall, its destruction.

If evolution or reincarnation awakens man from evil, why is evil reincarnating?

The good ones are better than they were, but the evil are more evil.

Reincarnating has not lessened the evil of the evil ones, or they would not seek to destroy.

Evil does not suffer.

Good does not suffer.

It is the soul of man that suffers.

The body can suffer always, it is the material.

The soul suffers when it begins to awaken.

When the soul attains Christhood it suffers no more. It has then worked out all its Karma.

Jesus never suffered after he arose from the tomb. He had not attained supremacy over the flesh until he had cast it off.

Development or unfoldment is the *only* way of attainment of the Christ. Neither creed nor dogma can help the soul.

Man may be incarnated ten thousand times and yet be no nearer truth at the last stage than at the first.

Development is the saving power.

The world is enlightened, not through evolution, for that is only of the material, but through development, which is of the soul. It is through faith and through thought.

Development begins with desire. Desire begins with thought.

A thought is a desire.

Thoughts of evil are desires for evil, for no man thinks evil but that he desires it.

Thoughts of good are desires for good, for no man thinks of the good unless he desires it.

Faith in evil produces evil, and faith in good must produce good.

We believe our own thoughts. We believe a rose is pretty because we think it.

A man may go through many stages of evolution without attaining goodly desires.

Another man may go through but a few stages and develop far beyond him.

The old soul is not always the better, purer soul.

Many old souls are evil. There are some which are good. Thus many births count for naught unless man awakens to the truth and does the works of truth.

Jesus said, "Ye must be born of water and of the spirit."

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

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Though the soul is born again and again of the flesh, it is flesh until born of the spirit.

“No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven.”

Man’s birthright is direct from God. Man has not risen from rocks and herbs and animals, as some would teach. Jesus said, “No man ascended but he that comes down from heaven.”

Divine Alchemy teaches the secret of the creation of man. “Man never was developed from any stage of monkeyhood, nor from plants nor rocks. It is true that the same elements which are in rock and plants also constitute man, but man never developed from them.”

Man is composed of the elements of divinity direct. “God became flesh and dwelt among us.” He who is building soul in the image of his Maker, is able to draw to him the knowledge of this power.

To have faith is to trust.

We cannot trust the power of a thing we do not know. Man cannot trust God if he knows not God. If man knew God he would trust Him. If he knew God he would have no speculation or theories of the evolutionary stages. He would know. The works of God are manifested to those who know God.

Man was first air, then water, then fire, then flesh. This is the secret of the descent from heaven. Man did not ascend from dust, rock, plant, or animal—he descended from heaven according to the law of di-

vinity. Man, the Christ-man, always was and always will be, and his knowledge comes not from being created, but from creating.

He who has knowledge has the power to create and he who is able to create has knowledge of the laws, thoughts and works of God or Good.

When we trust we believe. Our thoughts are moulded in harmony with all thoughts of trust and belief. This is faith. And our faith leads us into works—works lead us into soul.

If man believes that evolution alone has saving power, he will make no attempt to awaken the divinity within himself, and he will continue to evolve a personality, but the soul will sleep for ages.

The world is better than it was a thousand years ago.

It has more external knowledge, it has more of the mental, but there is no proof that the mental age will be much better than the physical age.

The world is no better for being crowded with mental murderers than with physical.

Death, sickness, downfalls, and many evils have been caused by mental opposition and concentration.

Christian Science has called this “Mental Malpractice.” It is simply the old black magic of the ages which has been used for thousands of years by the black magicians, and many ills and deaths and divers woes have been caused by those who know and practice this diabolical art.

Many crimes have been committed by negatives in

this manner, and the real perpetrators have escaped punishment from physical laws because the act was never known as murder. It was insanity or illness which resulted in death(?).

Mental science has been brought before the world; it has demonstrated the power of mind over matter. It has worked without soul science, its faith, its powers have not demonstrated the power of soul, but only of mind.

God could not have become flesh if He had continued to dwell in mind alone. God is in reality soul. He works to attain soul—He works from mind to soul.

Mental science will demonstrate to the world greater signs and wonders than it has yet given. It will demonstrate the full and complete power of mind. It will attain its zenith in the mental age—the power of good and evil will be manifested through this science beyond the comprehension of men of to-day and of years ago. It is the way-shower, the light-bearer of mind, of mentality, as was John the Baptist, who baptized with water (mind).

Science of mind has already proved the truth and certainty of mental malpractice; it will prove greater power yet.

*But mind will die with the body.*

*Soul only lives.*

The science of soul, its building, its works, will follow with even greater demonstrations than mind has given.

*But all this will be good only.*

*You cannot build an evil soul.* It would die like mind.

This is the doctrine of fire. It is the comforter which Jesus said would come.

It will open the spiritual age, for it is the doctrine of the Christ, who is to come, who always was and always will be.

*It is he who will baptize with fire.*



*ATONEMENT.*

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"Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Atonement means reconciliation.

For ages people were wandering farther and farther from the one true God, and Jesus' mission was to turn them back, to bring them to an understanding and realization of what God was.

Man wandered away in his own ignorance and conceit. Man has made himself impossible for a dwelling place of God. Looking away from earth and flesh into vague, visionary clouds of imagination, he looked away from the one knowable but unknown God and Creator.

"Man knew God and glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful; but became vain in their imagination and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools."

"And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds and four-footed beasts and creeping things."

Man's mistake was in making God in the likeness of man, a personal being of anger, jealousy, revenge, and demanding life and blood to appease His anger and

His wrath.

No wonder they wandered far away from such a God.

How many times have men taken into their own hands the power and speech of God and demanded obedience and reverence to opinions, traditions, and theories more heathenish than any heathen ever taught?

Who could love a God who would consent and encourage men to pillage, kill, and torture helpless men, women, and children? What God could appear to man as Love, and say, "Worship thou me with all thine heart, with all thy soul" and "thou shalt have no other god before me," and command them to murder, rape and all kinds of destruction?

God loved and created all men, and does not go out to battle against His sons and daughters, distributing favors and blessings on one side regardless of worthiness or wisdom, and torment, carnage, and warfare on the other side for no reason at all.

Is God violent and unmerciful?

No.

Such a God is a man-made God, "made into an image like to corruptible man," and is not the God they once knew, but would not glorify as God.

As the Jews, they looked for a king that should rule with judgment and wisdom equal only to their own understanding.

"Professing to be wise, they became fools," and their "foolish hearts were darkened." They were

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darkened and misled by their own thoughts and desires.

Man was made in the image or likeness of his Creator—God. The mind of man is his own creator, and of a truth he is created in the image of his mind, for man is very like his mind—he is a direct image and likeness of *his own thoughts*.

God is incorruptible and becomes corruptible only when likened unto man. Man must make himself as God, and *not* endeavor to make God as a man, with the lusts and desires of men.

However, men in every stage has lifted God to the height of his own enlightenment.

A material, lustful, violent man cannot think of a God beyond his own ideas, thoughts, and desires. When people live in an age of violence and warfare it is reasonable to expect a violent and warring God as their Creator, Leader, and Saviour. God only attains the height and likeness man gives him.

Man follows his own ideas, his thoughts, his desires, and opinions and this leads him away from the one true God instead of leading to Him.

In every age man has given us his conception of God. The Jews looked for a king, to rule over them; they are looking for him yet. Their conception of God, the Christ, the Osiris, is an earthly king, thus betraying their lack of wisdom and true knowledge of God.

The churches of to-day are no better. They have taken the conception of Jesus and twisted the Christ

he taught and demonstrated into an “image like unto corruptible man.” They have given to this image a personality as unto man.

They have made a God cruel, heartless, and unjust, and they worship him as a King in a far-off country, whither few can ever hope to go.

They tell us God is Love, Mercy, Truth, and in the next breath tell us, he will burn us all in a lake of fire and brimstone.

One once said: “God cannot save you if you will not let him,” and a few minutes later made the remark that “the Devil will get you if he makes up his mind.” Thus does the ministry teach a true God.

They worship a Being whom they have never seen and whom they never expect to see, for how can “a worm of the dust” ever attain sonship with Christ if he never lifts himself from the dust?

Is it any wonder that man drifted away instead of towards God?

The mission of the Christ was to restore man to his rightful place, to bring him back to knowledge and sonship with God, to *lift* him up from the dust into a *man*, a son of God.

The conception of the Christ, of Jesus, is entirely different from the conception of the Christ of the Church.

*Christ is not a man.*

Christ is not an “image like unto corruptible man.”

Christ is the *awakened* soul, the Son of God.

The sages and wise men of the Egyptians wor-

shipped Osiris as the son of God, which is identical with the teachings and conception of Jesus.

When man begins to understand the Christ, he will begin to understand himself and his duty and position towards God.

Instead of drifting far out to sea, away from anchorage and safety, he will turn back and become reconciled to his Father, his Creator, which is in heaven, and thus make an *at-one-ment* with the Christ. He will, by building a soul, become a part of and one with God, the Father.

Christ is the real, the true conception of what God is.

You say, "The churches teach Christ, the truth; they all have truth."

But what is truth?

What is Christ?

Have the churches ever taught that the Christ is *not* man, but is the thought, the idea, the desires of the holy, just, loving God?

Thoughts, ideas and desires form the soul.

In every chapter is explained that soul is builded, formed, moulded and created by the thoughts, desires, and ideas of the mind, hence the Soul of God is builded by the thoughts of the mind of God—or *mind of Good*.

What is good?

Analyze Good and you will analyze God.

What is Good? Where is it—where does it dwell?

The answer comes in tones of thunder; *Within*

*the heart of man must it be found.*

Every mind builds a soul. The soul is substance. It has a body—an invisible body to the physical eye, but a visible one to the spiritual eye.

Every person who wills to see his own soul can do so if he will obey and follow the instructions as given by the powerful Aeth Brotherhood—those masters in direct touch with the White Brotherhood.

Every student of the Aeth Brotherhood is able to see his soul and to *know* its likeness and authorship, whether it has been builded into the Christ or into evil.

“Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the *second time* without sin unto salvation.”

We have all believed in the Christ and have followed the ideas and conceptions of many.

This is the Christ as he has appeared to us, but “unto them that look for him shall he appear the *second time* without sin unto salvation.”

Without sin unto salvation because “it does not yet appear *what we shall be*; but *we know that he shall appear, we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.*”

“And every man that hath the hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”

Even the Jews in the time of Jesus purified themselves before they went to the temple by fasting and prayer. This they called the atonement before the feast of the Passover,

They brought themselves back from an unclean to a clean state of mind and body, reconciling themselves to a better and purer state and thus making themselves at one with God.

No man can become one with God until he purifies himself. *Himself* is really his soul.

Man is soul. The body dies and is nothing.

The soul lives on and is what the body has left. It is what his mind has thought and desired as a vehicle to accomplish its purpose on earth.

The first state of man is air in vibration. It always *was*. It is without form and void, but it *is*. It is the spirit—it is the life spark.

This, “the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the earth.”

The spirit is the fire—the life spark—love. This spirit moves upon the water and takes it up as the sun takes up the moisture from the earth and the waters, and this becomes mind. Air and water produce fire and these are formless. They desire because mind has thought, and this desire draws them to earth and man becomes flesh.

He is composed of the four elements. He is composed of the same elements as the plants, the vegetables, the minerals, the flesh, but he is not and never was a plant, mineral, or animal before his birth as a man.

He is of the Creator and was creator of all.

Man was formed and created of all the elements, but was not the substance of these elements only as the

creator for man is of God.

He descended to ascend.

He was one in the beginning, but through his own laws and thoughts and desires he created, he wandered away from at-one-ment and to attain at-one-ment he must become reconciled, return to God, as his own—as his one—himself purified, cleansed and made perfect.

He must be reborn, must make himself an image and likeness of goodness and truth.

Then he is one soul with God.

Before the earth was created man *was*.

Jesus said, "Thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."

There are other worlds before this and the gods of other worlds were before this earth was. They, therefore, did not evolve from plant or animal life, or from rocks and minerals.

There are creatures, called elementals, that have never been born of the flesh.

These elementals have mind and soul, but they could not have evolved from anything of the earth, having never touched the earth.

God is in reality soul and the purified soul of man is one part of the soul of God, the Creator.

The universe is the visible body of God.

When the mind of man plans and creates, this is also the creation of God. God is the source of all ideas and thoughts that build and formulate goodness, truth and virtue.

There are seas of limitless knowledge for the soul that seeks to know.

Eternal life, the secrets of nature, of life, and death are his to know if man wills it.

The greatest stumbling block is *self*—and selfishness. Man erred when he created *self* above all things else. His mind, his body are to him the sole existence of all things and the comforts and pleasures of the material life fascinates and leads him away from truth and the *real*. The more we yield and listen to the demands of the flesh for pleasure and bodily comforts, the less we know of the real.

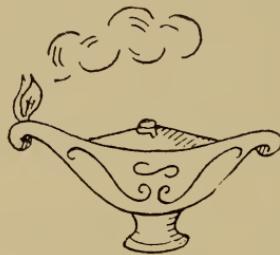
“What will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his own soul?”

To turn away from the soul is death.

As long as mind exists, soul of some kind is created. And “as a man thinketh in his heart so is he,” for he builds the soul as he thinks.

Temptations surround him to lead him away, to cause him to wander in uncertainty and darkness, and the more frequently he yields to his sensual and gross desires and pleasures the weaker his soul becomes to resist.

Oftentimes awakening comes after certain souls have sapped the fountains of pleasure dry and find that they have only eaten the apples of Sodom, or drank from the springs of Marah.



*CRUCIFIXION.*

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On the day of the crucifixion of Jesus, "there was a darkness over all the earth, and the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst."

The Christ was never crucified.

Only the flesh suffered, only the man Jesus was nailed to the cross.

Jesus had prepared himself for the Golgotha test. He knew it was the supreme test, the victory of which would lift him up into everlasting glory of the life eternal, and lift all men with him. The Gospels give the entire thoughts of Jesus and these thoughts were the builders of the Christ Soul. The real man is the soul and when Peter made the confession he did not identify the Jesus as the Son of God, but the Christ as the Son of God.

"Whom say ye that I am?" (the real man, the soul).

And Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus taught the Christ. He demonstrated Christ and manifested Christ, the Sun, or Son and Soul of God, in every act, word, deed, desire and thought. In the beginning of his life he knew where the Father dwelt. He knew when a child that he would be about his "Father's business," And the learned men and

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teachers in the synagogues knew not what he meant when he referred to his "Father's business."

*Only* his mother knew, for she kept all that he said within her heart.

Jesus knew all men, "And needed not that any should testify of man; for he knew what was in man."

He knew the mind, because the soul of him could see and read the minds of men.

The thoughts and desires were manifested before his eyes and he read men and knew what was in man. Peter, with all his boasted loyalty in time of need, knew not himself as the Master knew him. Peter's knowledge and power then surpassed any that we have to-day, yet the Master said, "When thou art converted, Peter, strengthen thy brethren." This proves that one may possess great powers of healing and teaching, and yet be unconverted, or rather liable to be led away by the fear and demands of the flesh and of self. The Satan of self was Peter's greatest enemy. When the Master was taken by the enemy Peter feared for his own life and safety. Jesus knew his weakness, knew that Peter must rid himself of self before he could strengthen others. And when Peter saw *himself* as he was, when he remembered his great promise of loyalty and love, "I will lay down my life for thy sake," and then recognized his weakness and cowardice in the moment of trial, do we wonder that he went alone without and wept bitterly?

He saw not the Christ within himself at that moment when Christ looked upon him,

There was not one among them who proclaimed his loyalty and love as did Peter. Yet the great struggle he had with self won the victory, for in the hour when Peter saw himself—his soul, he was awakened, and none ever stood so boldly, so fearlessly and faithfully for the truth as did Peter. The true birth of the soul comes in the hour of trial.

We believe ourselves strong and steadfast, we may think we could die for another, but the frail soul trembles when the test comes.

How can we die for another when we refuse to die for our own soul's sake?

Man will destroy the soul, crucify soul for the flesh and worldly gain and greed, he will cheat and gamble and trade soul for money, he will deny the soul, but he cannot deny the flesh. He cannot give up the craving and thirst for the treasures and fame of earth.

Yet he knows all the earthly desires and gains and pleasures will come to naught.

The treasures he leaves for others to spoil and abuse. The wine that left the sweet seductive taste in his mouth he can taste no more. The lure and temptation of fleeting sensual loves will pass from him and he passes beyond the veil without light and oftentimes without hope, for there are those who are the remaining spark of a lost soul that has thrown away its last chance for life eternal.

The flesh speaks of self. We seek bodily ease and comforts because the flesh demands it. The contempt

and disdain, the proud demeanor of the worldly people wounds us. Why?

Can the man who is without soul wound the soul of a Christ, of a Son of God?

Think you Christ Jesus suffered because he was poor?

Was he not tempted as no other was tempted?

He knew he possessed the power of gods, that the angels of God would minister unto him, yet when they sought to make him king he departed from them. The powers of the flesh, of the call of men who saw not the soul but the power he was wielding, was not a temptation to the Christ.

Why should we allow the world to hurt us?

Why should we care for the small place in life we must hold if we are even "one of the least in the kingdom of heaven?"

Jesus said, "Of men born of women there is not a greater than John the Baptist, but he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

The worldly desires lead us away from the heavenly unless we can discern the real from the false.

Crucify the flesh, "Crucify him," that is the only way to freedom and to life.

"Put up thy sword into thy sheath; the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

Shall we, dare we refuse the crucifixion?"

It leads to glory, at-one-ment, and sonship with the Father. This Jesus knew when the disciples would struggle for power of the flesh.

Jesus knew the way.

He did not pause, nor shrink, nor shudder.

Long before the crucifixion, he said, "I lay down my life that I might take it again."

"No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down and I have power to take it up again."

It was not the eternal life he was giving up.

No man has power to do that.

When the soul is once awakened and desires sonship with the Father it can never be destroyed.

This is the key to "the kingdom of heaven and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it."

There is suffering perhaps for the awakening soul, but there is no suffering for the awakened soul. There may be many obstacles in the earthlife to overcome, and the desires of the flesh will constantly annoy and tempt, but after the veil of the temple (the flesh) is rent in the midst so that we can see the spiritual selfhood behind the veil we count suffering as naught.

All men wear the veil of the spirit. The body is the temple of the *living God*, but few can pierce the veil that hides the God within the temple.

When the veil is rent in the midst, when the flesh is crucified, or rather, the desires and demands of the flesh and of self are crucified, we commend our spirit into the hands of the Father as did Jesus, and we walk anew in life and peace and eternal sonship. When sonship is fully attained we suffer no more.

When Jesus rose from the tomb of death he suffered

no more trials and temptations, or sorrows of the flesh.

He sorrowed before the crucifixion and he was subject to sensations like as we are. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus, as others wept. He did not weep because he had no hope, but because he understood the blindness and struggles of those about him. It is not weakness to understand the sorrows of others. Weakness is to yield to the temptations of the flesh.

Many men yield to a demand of comfort and of ambitions of the flesh and yet count themselves strong. These men teach great truths and many have not learned to look beyond the veil of self into the temple and know and understand the God that dwells there, struggling for freedom in every one of us.

Jesus' great power was in his understanding, and "he needed not that any should testify of man; for he knew what was in man."

He knew the good from the evil.

He knew how strong the ties of the flesh were.

Many are the lessons he has given us to know and the greatest of all are the lessons of love, and understanding.

The flesh had tempted and tried him, the strongest of men, and he saw the same subtle enemy encompass his loved ones.

When they sought to kill him he knew they were unable to understand the truth. They had not yet lifted the veil of the flesh from the soul.

"Why do ye not understand my speech? even be-

cause ye cannot hear my word.”

“Ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.”

This is the lusts and the evils of the flesh which he said is “....a murderer from the beginning (a destroyer of truth and Christ) and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.”

There is no truth in evil, nor in pleasures of the senses. They say they will not die—that pleasure is life, but the senses and the flesh will die, and there is no truth in them.

The flesh suffers at the parting of the ways. When the veil is lifted and the soul is acknowledged there is sorrow, but only for the time being.

It is better to die and live again, than to live and die for ever.

The mind knows what manner of spirit it is.

Mind is a subtle, steady builder. It is the river of life to the soul. It is the water that cleanses the soul from all uncleanness.

It is the kindly light that leads through the pits and shadows of the evil.

Mind as creator is the transmitter of all vibrations.

These vibrations absorbed by the soul are many colored, and can be seen and felt.

It is an established fact, proved by the scientists, that thoughts are of many colors.

And the mind can read these colors as one would read a book.

They emanate from man and identify him.

Mind produces thought. The mind is ever producing and creating, piling up wheat and tares until the gleanings and harvest threads and binds them apart—until the crucifixion tears away the veil between soul and body and the Christ is free born.

No man but one ever trod the way willingly.

There is continued darkness and the sun does not give light until the Golgotha hour is struck.

There is but one way to go. It is by way of the cross.

The cross is only the separation of evil and soul.

It is the thirsting out of the desires that lead to death.

“He that entereth not by the door into the sheep-fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.”

The Christ is the door. It leads into the worlds and planes of godness and power beyond.

To go the way we must do the works Jesus did.

There are many blind among us, whom we are able to teach and lead. There is no blindness so hopeless as that of a blind soul.

Destroy the *self* and the soul sees.

*Self* is the veil of the temple.

It hides all that is beautiful within the spiritual domes, and so darkness reigns upon “the face of the deep.”

Would you have peace? Then study the laws of peace.

The world is beginning to long for peace as it has

never longed in all the ages past.

Are the vibrations from the minds of those who desire peace beginning to be felt?

This world is really a world of souls, all desiring one life or the other. There are but two classes.

The cold, indifferent moral man who believes in nothing beyond himself and his environments, is building a soul that is cold and indifferent and this is not the soul Jesus manifested and demonstrated as the Christ, as the Son of God.

The cross is a blessing and not a curse.

Blessed is the man that nails the old sensational, evil loving self to the cross.

It might not be necessary to give up the body if man but knew the mysteries and power of the Christ.

Mind is the sinner or the savior of all men.

Mind decides the cross or the grave for the soul.

Purify the body by the thoughts of the mind and the soul is cleansed and purified.

The body that is temperate and clean in all its members is a temple fit for gods to dwell in.

There are many snares to guard against.

There is the snare of avarice, of ambition and the desire to excel, to lead among men.

The hands, the eyes, the voice, the lips, the feet, in fact every member of the body aids in deceiving or in transmuting its baser substances into pure and shining gold.

If one member of the body of Jesus had been defiled and impure he could not have lifted his body

from the grave.

Love gave him the power to cleanse himself from all desire and temptation—the cross gave him power to lift the thin veil of the temple and transmute himself into shining gold, and eternal sonship with the Father.

“But unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.”

## PASSOVER.

We have always been taught to look upon the Passover as simply a ceremonious rite commemorating the flight of the Israelites from the land of Egypt (Egypt is symbolical of darkness), where they were in bondage.

But there is a deeper meaning, a sacred and sublime meaning, to this command and decree.

Passover means deliverance from bondage.

It means a change, a spiritual change and transmutation to a higher estate.

It means purification and the flight of the soul from past errors and identification with God in the name of Christ, the deliverer and Saviour of the souls of men.

“Thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hands; and ye shall eat it in haste; it is the Lord’s passover.”

“For I will pass through all the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt, I will execute judgment, I am the Lord.”

All who strive to attain the soul of Christ must eat this passover.

The first stage is preparation; with the loins girded with strength and desire of purity.

“*With shoes on your feet.*” Determination and a firm will prepares us to cope with the rock-crusted and mountainous roads we must travel. These are the shoes we must wear. “*And your staff in your hands.*” This staff is the *desire* of the mind and heart and soul to pass-over from the material, and *night* of flesh, into the everlasting day. A freeing from the bondage of darkness.

“We must eat in haste.”

We must take no thought of the morrow, nor allow the world to hinder us with its cares and pleasures, for to delay means loss for “this is the Lord’s passover.”

The Lord, Christ, held so long in bondage within us, will pass over into the lands of promise, which is the knowledge given by the soul.

This knowledge will come to us oftentimes when the night is darkest, when the cares and sorrows of life most heavily beset us, and when the Lord passes through, or Christ is beginning to awaken from the tomb or grave of darkness, all the firstborn in the land will die.

The firstborn is the evil, the material, for the evil is born within us before the Christ, and evil as the firstborn must die.

The weakness, and the desires and thoughts that have held us away from the truth, the evil things we have loved most and clung to the most tenaciously, this is the firstborn within us.

“And against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment.”

These are the gods and idols of the material life which hold the soul in darkness; the glitter and glamour and illusions of the senses must be judged according to their worth, must be recognized as good or bad, as false from the true.

The gods of thought are the most subtle.

The sensual and material mind loves these material thoughts more than all other gods. But, in the night of realization they must bow to the Christ as the soul passes over from despair and death into illumination and light.

This is the inner meaning of the passover which was instituted by Moses among the Jews.

The Jews had not known the one true God as the Ruler of man's destiny until they were enlightened by the teachings of Moses.

The Jews were a stupid, material, sensual race and had no conception of the God of all life.

Moses was different from all his people.

All the great saviors of the Jewish race were taken into Egypt and were taught the mysteries of the truth. Joseph, Moses, and Jesus, were all commanded to go to the Egyptians for a number of years and were developed far beyond their own people in knowledge and understanding.

Joseph became the greatest man of his time.

Moses became the leader of all the Jews and is to this day.

Jesus, after coming from Egypt, astonished the doctors and lawyers of the synagogues with his ad-

vanced knowledge and was then but twelve years old.

Does this not point to the fact very clearly that Egypt must have been the center of religious knowledge and power?

Moses was instructed in all the learning and magic of the Egyptians and Initiates and the literal test of the passover in the book of Exodus is but a symbol of the true and real meaning which we have attempted to give here in as much as we dare.

Only the Aeth drill and development of the soul will reveal much more of the inner esoteric meaning of the passover.

This passover must be celebrated by the soul as "the Sabbath of the Lord, in all your dwellings."

It is the worship of the divine in all the temples, the body of man, and is a "Holy Convocation."

When the Israelites ate again of "the old corn of the land," the day after the passover, when they ate "unleavened bread and corn on the selfsame day," the manna from heaven ceased.

When they endeavored to partake of sin, which is the "old corn," with their spiritual pretensions, they received no more spiritual food for enlightenment.

This is the mistake many make.

This is where the Church has failed.

Too many go to church and pray for forgiveness of sins and then go out the selfsame day and sin again.

Spiritual enlightenment will not permit the soul to become blind to illusions and material demands of the flesh. We can become intemperate in many ways,

Overindulgence of the desires of the body in any way is intemperance.

This world goes on blindly striving after those things that satisfy the body for a time only and is all husks to the soul.

When we drink of the material waters we thirst again and again. There is no satisfaction, no peace or rest. The drunkard goes back again and again to the wine glass, every time makes him more thirsty for the next. The pleasure seeker is on a constant hunt for variety and pleasure.

Like the butterfly, he flits about from flower to flower, drinking here, sipping there, and in the end never satisfied, for he thirsts again.

Worn out and worldly weary, the question may come to him, "Where is peace and rest?"

He knows he does not find it in the world where he must laugh and be merry if he would be courted, even though, as the Spartan boy, "the fire under his vest may be eating out his heart."

The world demands all we have to give but gives little in return. When our smiles fade it bestows its favors elsewhere, and leaves us to starve and thirst until the dregs are all that is left.

It does not pay to starve the soul.

It is far more important to you than the body.

Spirituality alone is life. Jesus blessed it, Christ taught it.

You must mark your dwelling place with the sign of enlightenment and understanding, for the body re-

flects the soul within it.

Let the Christ soul enter, for it is the throne of God, and all the gods of darkness will be destroyed.

Thoughts will change and become purified. Evil vibrations will pass over into good and they will dwell within you, "before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple" (your body) and you shall hunger no more and thirst no more for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne (the Christ) shall feed you and lead you unto living fountains of water."

Jesus said, when at the well of Sychar, "He that drinketh of these waters that I shall give him shall never thirst."

Jesus kept the passover every year and note where he says that, "After two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of Man is betrayed to be crucified."

Why was the betrayal at the time of the passover?

Why did the crucifixion take place immediately after?

"He took bread and blessed it and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said: 'Take, eat, this is my body.' And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, '*Drink ye all of it.*'"

This represents the passover of the physical to the spiritual.

He gave them the bread of life, and the blood of purity and obedience to higher laws which lead the way to Christ, and development and knowledge.

There were certain Greeks among them that came

up to worship at the feast and they desired to see Jesus. It would appear that they made some proposition to him, for he answers, "Now is my soul troubled and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; *but for this cause came I unto this hour.*"

The Greeks were far in advance of the Jews and had Jesus preached among them they would not have crucified him, but the flesh must be crucified and for that cause Jesus came. Here was a chance to save his physical body, but had he done so he would not have arisen. His soul would not have passed into purity and peace and knowledge of the Christ. The law confronted him—how few would have heeded it. He knew that none other knew the meaning of the passover and that the crucifixion must follow.

It is purity and freedom from material law and evil. It is the ascent into the spiritual.

It is the preparation for the Christ to dwell in the temple—the passover is purification and cleansing of the body, the denial of the senses and their desires.

Paul, the great apostle, explains it: "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened, for even *Christ, our passover,* is sacrificed for us."

"Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavend *bread* of sincerity and truth."

Not with the old thoughts of malice and wickedness. Thoughts make the soul, thoughts are the real pass-

over. The purified mind lifts us up into Illumination and Christhood.

This passover must be kept rigidly, not with a ceremonious feast and killing of helpless animals, but with the transmuting and crucifixion of the desires of the flesh.

Then is the soul lifted up and passes over into at-one-ment, unity and sonship with the Father.

This is the reason why Jesus commanded it, for he said, "As often as ye do this ye do it in remembrance of me."

Every day that we keep ourselves free from harmful, wicked, destroying thoughts, desires, and vibrations do we eat the passover in remembrance of purity and Christ. We desire the pure and the Christ, we therefore purge ourselves from evil and sin.

We seldom commit what we do not think.

Every act is a reflection of the mind and thoughts that dwell within. The body is the dwelling place for the mind and the soul. It all depends on what is in us by what we think.

Only till we drink the fruit of the wine and partake of the bread of Christ can we pass into the temple beautiful wherein the Lamb sits in the midst of the throne.

All the mysteries become simple problems in the illumination of the soul.

## ILLUMINATION.

Even after all the teachings and instructions of Jesus the disciples went seeking him at the tomb where his body was laid.

They were not yet illuminated, nor lifted *up* above the material—they looked for “the living among the dead.” Jesus had arisen—he had received the illumination, he had overcome the flesh and entered glory of sonship with God.

“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.”

The Son of Man must be crucified, that is, the man of flesh must be crucified before he attains the illumination of the soul.

They did not understand even then the mystery of the resurrection—that it was the *awakening into new life and purity*.

Not until they left the material, fearful, doubtful thoughts were they able to see him after he arose.

When they looked away from earth to heaven they were able to see the heavenly vision and hear the heavenly voices which said, “Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken *from you* into heaven, shall so come in

like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

We must look up before he will come; we must lift ourselves to him, then he will come to us, "for unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

Salvation comes only through the Christ. It is the one door into the sheepfold and "he that entered by any other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

If we look for Christ he will come. He will appear in a cloud of glory and salvation to us.

If we attain Christhood we will not sin, and without sin we have salvation.

Then again, "we have also a sure word of prophecy; whereupon ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawns, and the day star arises in *your hearts.*"

Here is one of the greatest occult mysteries.

He who is able to read and understand this passage of Scripture will have solved the mystery of the Aeth.

Peter says, "Ye do well that ye take heed." Take heed therefore for it is the *light that shineth in a dark place.* It is the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. It is the mystery of the soul.

Illumination is the resurrection of the soul, its rebirth, its ascension, and its sonship with Christ Jesus.

The soul of man is a light that leads and guides him safely on in the pathways of truth and righteousness.

It is necessary to find the soul, to see the soul face to face and to hear the voice of the spirit before one is illuminated with the light and understanding.

There is but one lawgiver—it is the soul of Christ.

The soul may be the tiniest spark of a soul, but if man wills he can develop it into an aura of great glory and in the image and likeness of the Christ. For this cause Christ came into the world to be a beacon light to all men.

For this cause was he lifted up that he might draw all men unto him.

For this cause he came unto the hour of trial and test, that he might become fully illuminated.

Illumination is the light in the dark places.

It leads the soul of man away from earthly illusion.

Lust has no pleasures of a lasting nature.

Illuminated souls fully recognize this.

Illumination is as a light in a dark room. We can see and read and know what we are about with the light, but without it we stumble and grope amid darkness. Every man can forsake the flesh if he wills it. We must forsake the flesh, its desires, its lusts and evils.

This will create war—wars in heaven and in earth—in the best of us and in the worst of us.

Pure and holy thoughts will come into conflict with evil, lustful thoughts.

A man has the desire to do right, evil says do wrong. There is contention and strife.

When the student begins to develop, when the tiny spark of illumination begins to awaken him from his earth sleep, temptations and trials will gather thick and fast.

"Ye lust and have *not*." Have not what?

Illumination—resurrection from evil and strife.

"Ye kill and desire to have, and cannot obtain; ye fight and war, yet ye have not because ye ask not."

To ask is to think righteousness. We may fight and war and have not illumination because we do not desire it.

The thoughts lead.

The soul asks, and the mind gives.

Mind builds and soul receives.

The soul cannot receive if the mind does not will and send forth the answer to the prayers of the soul.

And if the mind does not cease its wars and contentions with lustful desires, the soul cannot receive.

"Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

This is the lust of selfishness. Whosoever asks for illumination for self alone cannot receive it, for this is asking amiss. Self is the creator of sinfulness and wickedness, or it is the creator of goodness and truth. No one can attain illumination of the soul if he would remain selfish and evil.

Pretense and hypocrisy are short lived. We can deceive men and the world with it, but we cannot deceive the soul and the Christ.

If we look into a mirror we see our own reflection. It is our own face, features, hands and body, and we recognize it whether it is pleasing or not.

The soul reflects itself in the *same* way. It will disclose *all* secrets we have ever kept so safe and secure

from the eyes of the world.

The soul is much like a garden. A beautiful, elevating, sublime thought is the seed of a beautiful flower, a rose it may be, a lily, or violet, but this seed is capable of producing many more seeds like it and soon there is a garden of wonderful fragrance and beauty. But one evil thought will produce a weed, a thistle, or a thorn, and these will choke out the flowers and destroy them utterly if they are not rooted up and cast out.

Have you ever noticed the strength and vitality of the root of a weed, how hard it is to destroy it? It takes much care and watchfulness to keep them out of the well-tended garden and the thoughts of evil are just as subtle and determined to grow and as hard to get rid of.

Selfishness is the hardest thing to get rid of.

It is the most subtle and illusory of any evil man is heir to, and it needs the most careful watching.

It will lead wrong every time you trust it.

Learn to respect self without becoming selfish.

Keep guard over the tomb and watch for the coming of day. Day will bring the sun and the sun illuminates the whole world. It is the life of the world. Without it all creatures, all plants, all things would die. The sun gives the warmth and the rain, and the light to all men—it is the symbol of the Christ or Osiris.

One by one man can pluck the weeds of evil thoughts from his soul and plant within its place a

tender flower of beauty, light and love and this is the planting of the Christ—the *conception*. It will grow and expand as the sun grows from winter to autumn in warmth and tenderness, and the whole world will feel the glow and light of your presence.

“God is *light*, and in him there is no darkness at all.”

“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not know the truth.”

“But if we walk in the light, *as he is the light*, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.”

This does not mean that we are free from all struggles with sin and the world, but it does mean that if we continue in desiring and living as near to our ideal as we possibly can we will become like him, and free from sin.

Man can become perfect if he desires it, and he is as much perfect as he desires.

The wicked man has not a high ideal of perfection.

He strives to be what his soul craves.

No man is in doubt when sin tempts him.

Every man knows the standard of perfection is the Christ. He has lived and proved to us how man ought to live to attain perfection.

No man can hate another and be an illuminated soul.

He is in darkness, not in the light, for “He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother is in darkness even until now.”

Hate is a thorn of evil, a thought, a vibration and the man with Christ within him will not harbor a thought of hate towards his brother.

“He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him.”

Love is the light. Love is the Christ. Love is God. Love is the vibration of life.

“But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.”

Blind eyes cannot see and if they cannot see they cannot give light to the mind and soul.

Hate is blind because it cannot see the relationship of the Brotherhood of Man. All men are brothers. All spring from light and love and all should manifest light and love.

We manifest all that we have within us.

All the light we possess shines forth from us in every thought, word and action.

We cannot reflect Christ until we learn to love and demonstrate love as he did. Then we have overcome the world and are born *again*. There will always be struggles. Christ has never ceased to struggle with the world and will not cease until the “world becomes his footstool.”

“All that is in the world, the lusts of the flesh, and the lust of the ages and the pride of life, *is not of the Father but is of the world.*”

“And the world passeth away and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God *abideth forever.*”

The world must die, and lust must be transmuted, and he who identifies himself with the world and the lusts of the world will die also. You become just what you desire. In desiring lustful pleasures you become lust itself, and in all things that you desire you become, for all these thoughts harbor and congregate together and become a mass of lust and evil. And these will all die sooner or later. When man is an illuminated, spiritual man the world and its lusts will die. The evil in man dies and then the Christ is born.

“The commandment which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.” Through death we live. Through this death and destruction of evil thoughts life is born. It *is transmutation*. A transforming of evil thoughts into thoughts of love.

The grave of death is the womb wherein the Christ is commenced and is born.

## The Soul In the Beyond; or Life Beyond the Grave.

There is much speculation and theorizing concerning the world beyond, where it is and what it is like.

Some have taught us that it is the same world with just a veil between us, that it is a two-sided world and we cannot see beyond the veil.

Where is the Soul-world, and what is it like?

Materialists do not know where the soul is, and that we have it here with us. So how can they know where the soul-world is? We have told you that this world we now live in is a world of souls, and it is.

But the world we wish to know about now is the world after the change called death.

The world where the soul lingers for a time.

This earth is compact, solid and firm.

Scientists tell us (and it is true) that this earth was thrown out into space (they think) by the sun. The reason why it is solid and compact is because of its distance from the sun.

The sun is a symbol of the One Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth, the Osiris of the Egyptians, the God of Moses, and the Christ of Jesus.

It is gross matter compared to the finer iridescent vibrations given out from the sun.

The center of man's soul is finer and lighter than the body. The soul is the sun of the body, and the

body is the universe of the soul.

It is the temple of the soul.

We have seen very wicked people who lived in palaces. Some of the kings and queens of foreign lands were fiends in human form. So a wicked soul, black as night, often dwells in a beautiful body. The soul in reincarnating desires the beautiful as a veil, and so oftentimes we find the body a veil, or a cloud as it were, to hide the real. Oftentimes a very holy person is protected by homeliness. Abraham Lincoln was one of the homeliest men of his time but his soul was great, grand and beautiful. When men caught a glimpse of his soul they became his admirers and his slaves. He was honored and adored, not for what he looked to be, but for what he was. He might not have fulfilled his great mission had his form and face reflected the great beauty of his soul.

The coarse soul is not as fine and light as the developed soul. Yet there is not a separate world for the good and the bad souls.

They are able to communicate with each other in the same manner that we converse and communicate with our opposite souls here in the earth life.

At the feast of Job evil was there communicating with God or Good.

The world beyond, the soul-world, is just a continuation of this world.

Some people have a heaven on earth, but most of them seem to have the opposite.

If they do not change before death, they will not change immediately after, for the mind dies with the body and there is nothing to build with without mind. The soul is what lives. It is what the mind has builded and is indestructible. Therefore the evil soul has no mind in the soul-world. It is the "accumu-

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lated experience" of its previous existences and must depend on reincarnation to free itself from its darkened, imprisoned state.

Our chance of salvation is not in the life beyond.

It is here. Jesus said, "Now is the time."

Your final judgment comes when you have crossed the veil and are drawn to the souls in harmony with your own.

A good, pure soul does not love nor attract the evil any more there than here. We look on evil here and would benefit it. We look on all evil there and would benefit them—yet we are just as helpless there as we are here, unless the soul *desires* a change. Unless it would be delivered from its hell it has created for itself.

We remember the story of the rich man and Lazarus—how he lifted up his eyes in torment and beheld Lazarus in heaven—in peace of mind and soul rest. The lesson here given proves the soul the rich man builded. He received many good things of the material. In his lifetime he fed his body and abused his soul. He would not give even a crumb of comfort to the beggar,—he was clothed in purple and fine linens and fared sumptuously every day. He made a god of material things. He was selfish and hard hearted and had no sympathy for his less fortunate brothers. Lazarus was poor in this world's goods, but great in soul and right thinking.

He builded a living soul.

You ask, "Why should God torment the rich man and save the poor man?"

God never tormented any one and never will.

The life beyond is a continuation of the life here. Evil here means evil there. Good here means good there. The good saves, the evil torments. Evil tor-

ments evil.

Abraham said, "There is a great gulf fixed so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us who would come here."

Why?

This has always been a perplexing verse of the Scripture.

Do you fancy that there is a wide, fixed gulf?

The gulf there is the same as the gulf between good and bad here. Good here cannot and will not accumulate bad and evil, and evil cannot accumulate and transfer good.

And the soul is builded. It sees its own state.

If it does not realize the good from evil here it cannot change there, because it can only accept what it really is. It cannot parade there under the veil of the body,—"The veil is rent in twain"—the "temple is destroyed," and the *real* self is laid bare and the soul sees *itself* as it is and not what it pretended to be. But the soul of the rich man *desired* freedom from his anguish and he made one unselfish request, which proves that his mind had not totally destroyed his soul with selfishness.

Our weakness is considered our strongest point if we but used it for good and not for evil.

His weakness was *self*, selfishness, self-absorption, and worldly desires. He desired these material things to the exclusion of everything and everybody else. Had his desires been as strong for good as they were material he would have been in heaven.

Our weakness is our strongest *desire*.

We allow our strongest desires to govern and control us. If we desire evil we allow it to control us—this, our weakness, is indeed our greatest strength. But the rich man knew that he must reap what he

sowed. He saw that he had not done to others as he would have others do to him.

He lived in the soul he had built for himself. But the rich man desired a change. He desired good so strong that he desired for others, and asked Abraham to send Lazarus to his father's house, to his five brethren, and tell them of the soul he had built for himself. And Abraham said, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them."

But the rich man said, "If one went unto them from the dead they will repent."

And Abraham answered, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead."

They were their own creators. They were creating the souls that would judge them at some time and they were their own saviors or destroyers.

The gulf was fixed. If they desired not the chance themselves no soul could help them, although the soul of their brother desired to help them. This is the meaning of the gulf between the good and the bad.

Though the rich man desired the change, he must attain it through reincarnation, for the soul can desire a change but cannot change without the mind to build it, thus his only hope is through reincarnation.

Reincarnation is absolutely necessary for the materialist, the robber, the thief, the murderer, for this reason—they must have a creator and the mind is a creator. It is the giver and the soul is the receiver. The desire of the soul for a better condition places it in harmony with the vibrations of the minds on earth that desire a better condition.

So he is born again by being drawn into that vibration from the desiring mind and his chance for betterment and change is given him. He does this all him-

self. In his earth life there must have been moments of desire for a life eternal, but the weakness of the flesh overcame the spiritual desire. This desire that passed beyond the veil with him was *created at one time by his mind.*

The desire was strong enough to live and was strengthened by some good desires within him which was weakened but not destroyed by the earth existence and material desires.

The desires of the flesh are strong because we do not see the spiritual. When we see the spiritual the desires of the flesh die—they leave us consumed by the fires of heaven.

“While we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord.”

The body claims the attention, and the affection of the mind which takes away the thoughts for a soul. We love the body more than the soul, yet if one were to tell us that we could build the body for eternity we would strive to do so.

Ponce De Leon sought long leagues for the Fountain of Youth. He desired to live. He wanted to keep the body young, handsome and eternal, but he did not know why he had grown old and wrinkled and gray.

We work for the body and allow the soul to decay and how can the body be youthful, supple and strong when the mind and soul are decaying and sending out and receiving charges that are poisonous, bitter and destructive.

When the soul is destroyed it is eternal death.

No vibration of mind can ever revive a dead soul. It is destroyed in hell—in its lusts and carnal desires. This is the lake of fire and brimstone.

We would call electricity a fire. We call lightning

a fire, and lightning is electricity. The mind and thoughts of mind are the same electrical substance, only finer, and invisible to those who see only with material eyes.

The lustful thoughts are *consuming* fires and are the fires of hell.

Thoughts have color and these colors are as the flames of fire. Scientists of the material world have produced the different colors of thought.

Pure, wholesome, happy thoughts are the fires of heaven for heaven is a state, a plane of the soul. There is no mental plane in heaven for the spiritual is above the mental and the heavenly state is attained only through the spiritual.

There is a physical or material state or plane. This is when man has not reached the mental, but still lives in the physical and material.

It is the attainment of the physical desires.

The mental state or plane is where man has moved onward in progression and civilization and attains great discoveries and heights in the mental world. Great mentality lifts man much above the material and physical, but the soul and spiritual, are not attained through great mentality. Men of strong mentality are as forceful in evil in the thought realm as physical are forceful on the physical plane.

There are mental brutes, and murderers as well as physical murderers. Occultists have long known that sickness, fatalities, disasters and deaths are caused by mental murderers at times.

The physical evil doers and murderers of Atlantis have reincarnated as mental murderers. They are the same. These mental leaders have been the cause of much evil and disaster to the world and mankind. The noble minded have held the world against these

destructive forces or it would have been destroyed long ago.

We now have many of the spirit brutes and murderers—those who have used their physical force, their mental force and will now come into the force of the spirit.

These evil spirits would destroy all the spirits of good and are the rulers of the darkness of the worlds, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

We are rapidly attaining the spiritual contest when Michael and his angels will rule and destroy the dragon, the serpent of evil which has deceived the world so long.

We know that physical evil has overpowered the physical good.

We know that mental evil has overpowered the mental good.

But, the spiritual evil or wickedness cannot overpower the spiritual good.

#### *Why?*

Because the evil that was in the flesh or physical built a net for itself. Its house was builded on the sands. The sun was shining and the day of reckoning had not come and the house stood. It was strong for the time being and the mental force of evil built to the house even more. Every thought of hate, envy, malice, greed, thirst for material riches were added to the soul house already builded. Then “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

We receive what we do whether it be good or bad.

Jesus knew that “*God was in Christ.*” and he received Christ because he did that which was Christ-like of Godlike. He thought good and did good. We

*always do* what we think sooner or later.

God is in reality *soul* for He accumulates all the good and receives it—He retains it.

The God-world is the soul-world.

We are thoughts of God. Our souls are in part Souls of God. For the Soul of God is the “accumulated experience of Good or God.”

Evil cannot dwell in Good or God. God does not receive nor retain evil, therefore evil must be cast out and destroyed. As long as man or woman retains a single thought of good they hold that much of the Soul of Christ or Good within them.

When the soul loses all desire for good then it is destroyed. We are now getting at the foundation of the soul-world. You will say, “If our souls are the accumulated experience of God, why is there evil? Follow carefully—“*God is in you.*” “Know ye not that ye are temples of the living God?” In the Father we live and move and have our being. But all that is evil is cast out. As long as the good dwells ever so small within us we have the hope of casting all evil from us, and in doing so we become greater in Good. Jesus said, “He that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist or the mental, for the soul is above the mental.”

Evil is consumed with fire—soul.

As an illustration. Gather a heap of rubbish together and set fire to it. It is consumed. You see the rubbish become less and less and the flames of fire greater. Where does the flame go? You cannot see it. It becomes invisible. It becomes finer and finer and disappears from the physical sight. Where does it go?

When the body dies and is buried what becomes of it? It is consumed. It is sometimes covered with

metal, the metal casket is covered with wood, or encased in wood, and on this is piled heaps of dirt. Yet when dissolution takes place in the chemicalization of gases, these gases arise through the casket, the wood, the dirt, and in conflict with the air or atmosphere there is a glow as of fire. It is the consummation of the body. Many persons have seen this phenomenon, and it is called "Jack-o-lantern" in some districts.

Where does the fire go? What does it become?

It is *not* the soul, for the soul is not consumed unless it consumes itself through secret sins.

The soul precedes the body. It leaves the body immediately after the heart-beats cease.

The soul does not see corruption *with the body*.

It goes before. It comes before the body and it goes before.

The soul is fire, "God is a consuming Fire."

If the soul of man is fire—then the Soul of God is a much greater fire.

God is *in all*, but all is not God.

God casts out the chaff, the snares, and the tares when the judgment of Christ *comes*. We have given in preceding chapters the judgment of Christ.

You can easily understand why reincarnation is necessary for the salvation of the imperfect soul.

The materialist must incarnate to obtain a builder. If he desires perfection he is drawn toward souls on earth who desire perfection and through them obtains a mind to build with.

Music, painting, flowers, birds are spiritual vibrations. Music is a vibration. It is the sound of all spiritual voices. Love produces music and is the symphony of heaven.

The soul while in its incarnating state receives the echoes or sounds of spiritual harmony and is able to

reproduce them. These souls are musical geniuses.

Art or painting is the vision of the spiritual.

Artists create the scenes the soul has witnessed, good or bad. The artist while in its incarnating state is drawn to the soul on earth who has witnessed, or desires to witness, the scenes or visions of the heavenly and the artist soul drawn to it and retains the pictures of the soul-world. He paints nothing outside of soul, for all the beautiful or bad is of the soul and dwells in the soul-world.

The poet—is he not greatest? He has heard the voices and brings the words with him.

Poetry is of the dominant vibration, for in it we have music and art and all there is to have.

We can hear the voices of the gods in the rhythmic flow of the rhymes. We can see the scenes of the soul and the spiritual realm.

We walk here by the side of decaying souls.

We will walk there by the side of decaying souls.

We may be ascending, they may be descending.

Soul may touch soul and body touches body, and the evil cannot contaminate the good if not desired by the soul.

Our soul may be in heaven,—the other in hell—as it is here on earth, where some are in heaven and some in hades.

The thoughts of the soul are the accumulated thoughts, and these make the soul.

The soul-world is simply a continuation of the physical world. Let us tell you how to reach perfection.

As an example. Here is a young girl who loves music, she desires to become a perfect artist but for some reason there may be a weakness which will not permit her to become a master of music in the present

life, aye, not even a good musician. However, this young girl has faith in herself and her God and though she finds that she cannot become a master in the present life, she may not even know anything of the beyond, yet she will keep on faithfully in her love for music and continue to practice. She has made up her mind to *reach as far as she can* and leave the rest with God. She does not give up, but continues until the end in her love.

She passes to the beyond. Life there is just exactly as it was here, to her; but there is one change, she has thrown off the body. The soul is free, it can hear the music in its perfection. However, her soul is not perfect, and as the mind cannot think, the soul does not change its desires but continues to hunger for music. The soul is free, it covers the universe and it can come into touch with those people on earth who are lovers of music.

Aye, it *knows*. It sees two people, man and wife, love or lover, it hovers above them, around them, *now* the proper time is at hand. The time for reincarnation has come, it enters and soon the future genius is born.

As we build now so will we be in the beyond. We will simply continue. If we have no special desire, no spot to reach, we will be under conflicting emotions in the soul-world and be reincarnated through most any kind of parents who are not altogether antagonistic towards us.

Just at that which we truly aim, will we reach for in the beyond; we think only of that and come into touch with that only.

This law holds good in all things. Where our desire be for music, art, soul culture. Whether we be a lover of flowers, of architecture, sculpture, etc. No

matter what the desire, the *one* law holds good.

Were I to desire great beauty and perfection of form, I should hold this constantly in mind. Not only that, but I would work with that end in view, following the most perfect rules for development and beauty culture and continue until death. This thought would hold the soul in the beyond, and this same magnetic force would draw me to the proper parents, for bear in mind, "*the soul in the beyond is only what you make it here. After it reaches there it cannot think or build, unless it has reached perfection. It is the soul only, and its attracting power is the power with which you invested it here.*"

Take an opposite illustration. We take the common man on earth. He lives on, having no special aim in life except possibly to make money. He is not totally wicked, he is simply more or less selfish, but not selfish enough to destroy the soul. He passes to the beyond; in earth life he had known nothing of the soul; he had not tried to build any. When he reaches the beyond his soul is more material than spiritual, because his strongest desire was money.

The soul is spiritual in its nature even though evil. Now this soul is in the soul-world, it is spiritual. But think of it, it desires a material *thing*—*it is in hell*. It continues so until it finds parents who are as near in harmony with its *inharmony* as it is possible to be. It reincarnates, but it is no propelling force, and it lives again almost as before, unless its former desire gives it power to obtain wealth or unless the minds of the parents are more spiritual than material and give it incentive for spiritual things.

*Now we must start to build that which you desire to be in the beyond, and then in the beyond beyond that.*

*You can be that which you want to be, whether it is*

to be an artist, a musician, a lawyer, a sculptor, an architect, a Christ, a millionaire, a general, or whatever else you wish.

## AETH HEALING.

Ether is formed by the activity of the fluids in the center of the sun.

Air is a more dense form of Ether.

As it becomes more dense it forms a colorless gas called oxygen.

Ether is the electrical spark that creates.

It is one of the finest substances in existence and forms light. It is the center of vibration. Ether is the electrical vibration from the center of the sun. It is more active than air, hence is the rigidity of air as air is next to ether in velocity.

Ether is light—white, penetrating light.

Air is both light and dense.

The lighter stage is ozone.

The heavier is oxygen.

The pure white light is the ether.

The healing of the adepts, masters and by Christ was accompanied by the highest force known to man or the adepts.

This force is the Aeth.

It is the same force that Bulwer Lytton called the Vril. It is that which the Philosophers and Alchemists have called the "Elixir of Youth" and the "Philosopher's Stone."

Christ used this force in all his healing.

Many cults have used it to a certain extent, but only the masters know *what* it is and *how* to use it.

This aeth is a transmutation of the ozone and ether

in the air. A forming into one through certain developments.

The true Neophytes in the secret initiations have been taught this development and the transmutation of the ozone and oxygen into the æth.

Some mental and mind healers have used the ether for healing, but have found that all diseases will not yield to it.

They did not understand thoroughly the secret of its accumulation and transmutation, and are thus handicapped to a certain extent concerning certain diseases.

The ether will heal any mental disease or imaginary ills or troubles. Ether can be condensed, and its rigidity is even more active than the lightning flash, although the lightning is a compression of the ether and air.

The mentalists have understood the law governing the use of the ether, but have not known what it is, nor where it comes from.

They have called it Divine Healing and Christian Healing. It is a part of the Divine Healing, also Christian Healing, but it is not the complete Christ Conception and Healing.

Magnetists have discovered the use of the ozone. Mesmer has explained the magnetic laws and knowledge perhaps better than any one.

He explains magnetism as a fluid that exists in the heavenly bodies, the earth and in the animals, or persons.

This is true. The ozone in the air is the transmutation of the ether into air, and this fluid or vibration exists in all, both heavenly and earthly.

The magnetism of persons is analogous to or similar to the magnetism in the heavenly bodies in the air,

and in the earth.

It is the first to have been discovered.

It is nearer to man and is heavier or more dense than ether, consequently it could be transmitted or transferred by the touch or manipulations.

When mentalists discovered the laws of ether they combined the two and produced electro-magnetism. Yet these two combined have not perfected the healing laws that Jesus knew, used and employed. And no one but a master can either teach it or use it, and but two fraternities have ever taught it or been able to teach it.

This æth is produced by the electric currents of the mind and the magnetic currents of the soul. It is a wedding of the mind forces to the *awakened soul forces*. It is the *finest* and most powerful force known to the masters and adepts. There can be no power beyond this.

This æth healing is therefore the highest type of healing, and is the most powerful type.

It is the true Christ healing because Christ used it.

The most peculiar part of it is that the student knows that he has the power. As he develops the force under careful guardianship of a master it will become so strong and powerful that he can actually see it.

There is therefore no guesswork about it.

There is no mistake caused by a lack of knowledge in the proper use of it, and application to the diseased organs of the body.

Ether penetrates all bodies. It is electrical.

It is light and luminous, but does not pervade all space as it is the spark from the electrical center. It is the active, positive principle of mind—divine mind—and is electrical, the giver and the creator,

The mentalists have discovered the laws of ether and the magnetists have discovered the laws of magnetism. But the third principle or law which is the æth has not been discovered and used except by the few. It is the induction of the electrical into the magnetic and the production of the third principle—*but this must be in a living body.*

The unity of the Father and the Son, creates the Christ or Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is the *fire of the soul.* It is not the soul, but is the fire that descends from heaven and baptizes the soul.

Why have magnetists failed?

Because certain bodies and conditions of the bodies diseased are too dense and compact to admit of the induction of the magnetism.

Gross, heavy, coarse magnetic substance requires heavier induction than finer, thus iron is harder to magnetize than some other magnetizable metals, and does not retain the magnetic fluid or vibrations as long as will steel.

Bodies are the same, and the poisons and chemicalization of certain gases in the system makes it more antagonistic to induction of magnetism than bodies more receptive and finer.

When the mentalist came with the mind healing, the vibrations of mind were lighter and more penetrating than the magnetism. It is the ether or etheric energy or activity and is the positive principle. This is electro-magnetism. Yet electrical or mental treatments have not cured all diseases. There are those that will not yield to mental treatments, as there are those that will not yield to manipulations or magnetic treatments.

Magnetic treatment is given by manipulation because magnetism must be inducted by force. The re-

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laxation of the body diseased makes it receptive to the induction of magnetism. The true magnetist understands the law and uses it in this manner.

Mental science healing, or mind healing, is electrical. It is produced, and the charges of mental vibrations, or electrical currents are sent through the system or the diseased portions by mental affirmation of positive thought.

This is the healing practiced by John the Baptist, but a greater followed. This is the fire baptism or Holy Ghost. It is the science of the soul—the æth healing, as taught by the masters, adepts and Christ.

The mental law united with the soul law produces a greater law—the third degree of healing, and the third in the Godhead.

Jesus said, “Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.”

The first principle of the law of healing is given in the First Chapter of Acts.

“These all continued with one accord (harmony in mind and soul) in prayer (desire) and supplication.”

“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

“And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

“And there appeared unto them cloven tongues as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.”

This was the union of mind and soul and the Holy Ghost was born of the union.

Jesus “commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which saith he, ye have heard of me.”

“For John truly baptized with water (mind); but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many

days hence."

The Christ must be accepted, must be conceived with the soul and born within before the promise is given. When the Christ conception takes place, knowledge begins to flow to the student. The mind must arouse the will and send forth the creative vibration of currents to the soul where it is received and nourished until the birth of Christ.

This wedding of mind and soul brings forth the Christ—the Holy Ghost.

And "when he doth appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

This is also of the æth, the healing as taught, used and demonstrated by Jesus and his disciples. Jesus knew all the hidden secrets of nature, and how to use them properly.

Do you realize that Jesus was persecuted because of his religious belief? There was no personal grudge or hate against him. They persecuted and condemned him because he taught God as a universal benefactor and indweller of man.

The Jews' God was a personal being. A man, clanish and warring, hating one race and loving the other, pouring out blessings upon one and depriving the other out of its just rights. This was the monster the Jews worshipped and called God. It was not the God Moses taught, for did not Jesus tell them that in the Law was written, "I said ye are gods"?

Did he not also explain that they knew not even the spirit of Elias. And now what is this spirit of Elias? We know it was not a disembodied negative seeking to obsess a sensitive or medium. But what is it? Is it not the spirit of truth "which was for to come?"

Jesus knew where and what God was. He knew He was the Universal good and power, and truth in all

things, great and small.

This good, this power, this truth dwells in all men and man has the right to the use of it if he wills.

There are laws within these realms and only through the breaking of them does man suffer.

He suffers because he himself is broken with the broken laws. For it is a part of himself that he breaks. That is why he suffers.

The true Christic power of healing has never been taught except by two fraternities known to the masters.

To be able to demonstrate and use the power one must become an adept or master.

We must know the law—and we must be able to discover the direct law man has broken within himself before proceeding to cure him.

There is no power beyond the æth.

It is the mental and magnetic combined with a greater healing force, and so is all instead of a part of divinity. And to become worthy to use this power one must become in conscious and absolute touch with the divine law of healing.

The mentalist has reached a part, the magnetist has another part. Both belong to the whole but are not the whole. What both lack is the unity of the mind and soul in conscious and supreme harmony and exchange of power.

All is fire and the fire is the life and soul of man, yet man cannot even see it.

The neophyte is taught how to control these fires and then transmute them into the æth.

This æth is the spirit or soul poured out upon the sons and daughters of God.

The neophyte can see it, can control it and can transmute it into healing power,

People have wondered how Jesus walked the waves of the troubled sea, yet no one wonders why a doctor of medicine adds certain proportions of certain powders and liquids and poisons to produce one certain kind of medicine.

Yet within the air, the atmosphere we breathe and live in and move in, are the same properties of the same medicines only in a different but more perfect, penetrating and complete form.

Why do men scoff at phenomena produced by an individual when the lesser lights and life of nature are daily producing them and man ignorant, unbelieving, stupid disbelieves because of his ignorance.

Religious teachers have referred to Jesus as a "pre-  
cocious child at twelve years of age." Individuals,  
writers and these teachers refer to the disciples as  
"ignorant and unlearned fishermen," not realizing  
that they are betraying their own ignorance and lack  
of natural knowledge by absorbing too much of the  
material knowledge called education. Education is a  
thing necessary, yet it is not absolutely necessary in  
the great work. The greatest *souls* (not husks of  
souls) have been men with little learning or education.  
Soul is greater than mind.

Mind is a part of God, but the soul is *all* of God;  
therefore the whole of a thing is greater than a part  
or portion.

We have no mention made of Jesus' education and  
learning. We have of Paul the Apostle and others.  
Yet no one can tell whether Jesus' mind was mar-  
velous or not, but we can all tell what his soul *was*.  
His soul was the Christ.

He tells us that there are three in the God-head—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—and these three are One. God is not all Mind, God is Soul, and all of

Soul is God for the soul inherits the life eternal. But without the birth of the Christ the soul cannot inherit eternity and unity.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost (Mother).

Mind. Christ. Soul.

Ether. Oxygen. Ozone.

There is nothing beyond this for man to know.

But how can they be transmuted into the æth? The æth is *all*. Aeth means all or the Highest, the Leader.

When the neophyte attains the first stage of development he is baptized with water (mind).

His second stage is to be baptized with Fire (Soul).

His third stage is to be baptized with scnship—he is an adept, a master, a Christ.

The knowledge that will come to him through these baptisms is the knowledge of wisdom and truth.

It is the sword which guards the gates of the Garden of Eden—the sword which turns in all directions—it is the circle of the Ancients which represents the Symbol of Life.

The love and the marriage of the mind and the soul is the marriage of the Lamb and the Church.



*AETH—PROOF OF ITS  
CHRIST POWER.*

## AETH---Proof of Its Christ Power.

The life of all things is love.

Love is therefore the basis of the aeth healing.

The aeth healing is soul healing and is attainable only through love, for what we really love is what we build and our souls are the thoughts we love.

But love is not of the earth, nor of the things of the earth. The lustful soul does not love, it only desires.

Love is the highest vibration of all the universe. It is the "Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world."

To be a successful healer you must learn to love. You must desire with all your soul to know this love. When you know this then you know Christ.

We cannot know love until we have purified the soul of its evil.

As long as we live in the world we cannot flee from temptations, nor strife, nor suffering, but we can flee from evil.

We are able to resist sin.

We can become like Him, and we can never see Him until we do become like Him, for when "He doth appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

When Christ does appear to you and you know Him you will know that your bodies are the members of Christ.

"Know ye not the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither forni-

cators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.”

“Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

With these words before him, can man misunderstand?

These are the greater sins and are ever a beacon light of themselves for the effects of the sin are seen and manifested daily. But there are many smaller sins which are not so easily seen, because we must look close and deep to find them.

The monster that sometimes holds us from our goal is the most deceptive.

Search deep therefore and wash yourselves. Wash the soul and purify it with the Light of the Soul. For “if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you.”

Read this verse carefully, and note that Jesus was raised from the dead and that the Christ was raised, which shows us that the raising up of the flesh also raises the Christ.

“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body ye shall live.”

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”

The healer must identify himself and his works with the Spirit of God. Through the æth drill we are fully conscious that the “Spirit of God is witness with our spirit,” for we shall know what the spirit is.

The world has wrongfully used the Spirit of God in ignorance and blindness.

We are told time and again in the Scriptures that He will manifest Himself to us. That we shall see the Christ face to face. There are those who have seen Him. We have seen His deeds and thoughts manifested, but have not seen Him as He is.

I may accomplish a great work in this world and you may hear of me and my work and yet be unable to see or know me.

If your desire is great enough and you would wish to see me, you would come to me and you would wish to see me as I really am.

You would not wish to see another and you would not be satisfied with uncertainty and doubt, not even if that other resembled me very much. You would want the real me.

Yet false Christs are fostered on the blind and ignorant day by day.

Ask them where He is and they know not.

Some are looking for Him now in the desert and even in the wilderness and the mountains. They claim to believe and know and yet their eyes are blind to the oft repeated fact through book after book of the Scripture that "He is in you." That *you* may *see* Him and know Him as He is. And a more beautiful promise that "you may become like Him."

When Jesus taught the Holy Truth He brought light and not darkness. If the world cannot see and know the Christ it knows not the true teachings of the Christ, for Jesus knew and saw, and so did all the disciples and not the disciples alone, "but them also which shall believe through their words."

John again tells us, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ

*is come in the flesh is of God."*

Jesus never taught denial of the flesh, He taught *purification of the flesh*.

It can be made pure and holy and acceptable to God. If it were not necessary to possess body Christ need not come in the flesh.

We should preserve, protect and guard the body as well as the soul. We all wish to save the soul yet we feel that we can do as we please about abusing the body, not knowing that the body must be clean if it is inhabited by a clean soul. Does a clean, thrifty housekeeper dwell in a dirty, unkempt house?

No, we always judge the housekeeper by the appearance of her home.

The first step for the student is learning housekeeping. Rid the mind of all the bad, impure thoughts, call in the purest and best and you will never fail in healing.

The physician who wants to succeed always procures the best drugs and healing apparatus he can find and afford. He locates himself in the most favorable and inviting place he can find. The æth healer must do the same.

Why should mentalists deal out poisonous thoughts to one and healing thoughts to another?

There is danger of getting them mixed.

The æth healer cannot deal out poisons because if he tries it he immediately destroys all healing power.

The Christ comes healing *all*, saving all.

"The sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves in the stall."

The æth cannot fail in the cure of all diseases if the student will go through the way and prepare himself.

He must not make the mistake of thinking he can

use the æth until he can see and know what it is.

The ether is white—it is light.

The ozone is dark blue.

The oxygen is yellow and is heavier than ozone and more dense.

These contain all the elements of healing of any disease man is heir to because *they contain all the elements of life.*

Mind creates and solidifies the ether into electricity by a knowledge of how it can be done.

Electrical charges are through from the mind to the soul by the thought which at the command of the mind produces the yellow light which is ozone.

The first degree of healing attained by this means was magnetism.

Then the mental scientists wrought electrical healing.

The soul brings the æth healing which is the medium unattained by either magnetists or mentalists.

The student can learn to produce the æth in a second of time.

In a second he can send the vibrations of healing throughout the body and effect the cure.

He does not concentrate entirely on the patient.

He simply draws to himself the vibrations or currents of the æth or soul and transfers them to the disease.

The patient must, however, live the life of purity, for purity cannot remain in an impure vessel.

It is impossible to fail in a cure for no one but a master or an adept can attain the æth.

It must be understood, however, that where an ailment is through Karmic Law nothing can be done except help the patient to get rid of such bad karma.

The æth healer cannot abuse his power nor misuse

it, for if he does it will be taken from him.

This is *spiritual healing*, and cannot be imitated by pretenders.

There is no malicious animal magnetism and no danger of black magic.

The patient is safe in the hands of the healer for he is the disciple of the Christ.

First, the student must find the soul.

This cannot be acquired from books or from teachers. The teacher can guide, guard and protect his students, but the soul science can be attained only through his own efforts.

He cannot read a few rules and instructions on concentrations, suggestions and laying on of hands. He must go forth and find the Essence of Life, the vibrations of healing from the Father and take on the Sonship of the Christ.

It is an erroneous idea that but one man or twelve men healed diseases of all kinds and then the power was lost.

The Light of the world never goes out.

Healing is life and life is never lost or dies.

The vibrations or currents of life never go out or die.

Man made the mistake and not the power of God was lost when he limited the life of healing.

They all tell us God is Life.

Can they tell us where God is?

No man ever overcame the laws of God and Life.

He who cannot realize or understand where the dwelling place of his own soul is cannot understand where the dwelling place of God is.

God is above us.

God is *within* us.

The knowable, loving, unchanging God is within us.

It is the life within us. It is the breath, the sight, the sound within us.

The five senses are not "beliefs of mortal mind." They are the sense of mind.

The spirit and soul can hear, see, touch, taste and smell because spirit is within and rules all.

Spirit is the fire of the soul and is the fire that Christ promised to send upon the earth to consume all that is gross, earthly and evil.

"If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. *And all things are of God.*"

The student is taught the secret of breathing in the æth and transferring it, but he must know and see the power he is using.

No disciple healed until he had breathed in the power of the Holy Ghost.

"He breathed on them; and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost."

They had not received full power while the Master was with them. Not until they saw spirit of fire descend from heaven did they possess full and perfect power.

There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon each of them."

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The world owes much to the magnetists and mentalists. Their works were wonderful and blessed many. They were the forerunners of the æth, the Elder Brother, the Son of God and the Second Coming of the Christ which is the Love of God manifested and seen and understood.

Many of the healers of the present day look upon

healing more as a business and profession than as the teaching and development of the soul.

They have not healed from the soul. They have not healed from the mind and healed mind with mind, without healing soul with soul. They have not reached deeper than mind and mind dies. The magnetists have used magnetism without knowing where it comes from and what it really is, yet the magnetism of the soul and the much talked of animal magnetism are not the same although to a certain extent they are similar.

The magnetism taught for many years is not the purified magnetism of the æth.

The æth is the purification of both soul and mind and the healing is drawn from the union of both. This wedding of the mind and soul produces life, quickens and generates life for all, and the æth is stronger than mental healing or magnetic healing because it is in reality the life of both—it is *all* that mind and soul can give.

“He was in the world and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.”

“He is in you and you were made by him and you know him not.”

“He came to his own, and his own received him not.”

He has come to you and you have received him not. You have not lifted up the veil and sought earnestly and sincerely or you would have received him when he came.

How few realize the importance of the development of the soul. The soul is the throne of the Christ—“the temple not made with hands.” It is the temple made for you by your own Creator.

“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that

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believe on his name, which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man but of God.'

The flesh will not will anything that takes from itself—neither does the will of man, for both are unenlightened and seek after the world and the things that are in the world.

The sons of God are born of God.

Just as we would say the son of evil is born of evil. We can easily perceive how he is born of evil. We know that he seeks, lives, moves and has his being in evil.

Evil is all, is life to the evil man. The evil man is the unawakened, unenlightened man, and knows not the soul nor where it is.

In the æth the knowledge of all the planes where the Hierarches, the rulers, the Initiates, the Ancient Wise Men, are attainable.

The neophyte has the hard path before him, the path that is strewn with thorns and which leads inevitably to the cross. But without the cross there can be no resurrection.

But after the resurrection the wonders of the heavens open and the "woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars," will appear and this great mystery is unveiled, understood, and wondered at, but marveled at no more for the student ceases to marvel any more at this great mystery for it is plain and simple to his *awakened* soul.

He must take up the cross and follow, he must be willing to suffer, strive and wait, but at the hour of victory when the soul speaks and opens the gateway to knowledge, wisdom, and love, it is all worth it.

It is worth all struggles, all tempests, all battles to

learn the hidden secrets of nature. She is only behind a veil and the veil is very thin and sheen to the few who know.

Men marvel, as did the disciples "while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, and behold, two men stood by them in white apparel."

"Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, *why stand ye gazing up into heaven?* The same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

And how did He come to them? He told them He would come again, *how did He come?*

In this manner: "When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

"And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled all the house, where they were sitting.

"And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost"—the Motherhood of God—the Soul Fire.

This was the baptism of the Fire, Soul, and Holy Ghost. It can be seen as they saw, and it can be identified with the soul and *known*.

As Paul tells us, "We shall all be changed in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last, for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised *incorruptible*, and *we shall be changed*."

"For the corruptible must put on incorruption, and the mortal must put on immortality."

"So when the corruptible (flesh) shall have put on incorruption (purified soul) and the mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, *Death is swallowed up in victory,*"

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The righteous soul can never die. When the mortal dying, sin-loving man *changes*, when he thinks the thoughts that make him pure and acceptable, he puts on immortality. He can not die for the soul never dies until man alone destroys it with the poison of his mind and evil deeds. There is no death to changed, fire-cleansed man, for death is swallowed up in the victory of the soul over the flesh and the evil charged mind.

In the æth mysteries the evil man reveals himself—he stands face to face with himself and judges himself. All the vibrations of evil and weakness are read as one reads the pages of an open book. It is written in letters of *fire*, the fire that you can *see*, *actually see* and read. For “the Holy Ghost is also a witness to us;” for after that he had said before, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord. *I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds* will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”

There is not much mystery when we see behind the veil, for we see the *real* meaning then and we understand.

The veil lies in the letter and not in the spirit of the Bible.

Men have written the truths of the Ancients without understanding, with the veil before their own eyes, but this only demonstrates the strength of the truth and the souls of those who have preserved the great truths from the hands of the worldly wise and the foolish fanatics—for they read with the veil over their hearts, yet those who seek to know truly and sincerely see and read and know.

No true Initiate of æth master condemns nor rejects the Bible, because they of all people understand

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it. They know the pearl of great price, where it lies gleaming in a mass of rubbish and where its gleam blinds the eyes of the brilliant egotist who stumbles by the very door of truth which he cannot see for the brilliancy of his own mind. His own light he has created for himself is the light that blinds him for it is a truth that the mind may become so brilliant as to devour the soul. The mind is not the soul. Too much mind is the greatest stumbling block the æth student has before him.

Mind—what is mind?

It is not all. It is but the beginning of an existence.

Soul is what man needs. There are many brilliant, strong, resourceful minds with small, weak souls.

And there are great, strong souls with small, though not narrow, minds. The lightest load is easiest to carry and the mind with but little brilliancy has little to give up and is therefore content and willing to learn.

The great, egotistical, satisfied mind finds it difficult to free itself from its bondage of egotism and conceit. Therefore it has much to give up. But "he that is forgiven most will love the most," so the great mind, if it will but lose its worldly greatness, has power to build as lofty a soul.

We must take the base metals and transmute them into pure and shining gold.

Egotism, selfishness, conceit and self-absorption are sinful and will not do to build upon. There is but one sure Rock; it is the Christ.

No other foundation will stand. In no other way can the seeker for truth find true and tenable power.

"Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it, because it shall be *revealed by fire*, and this fire shall try every man's work of

what sort it is."

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

"If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

What have *you* built?

What are you building?

And what are you *going to build*?

If you have a soul that can be purified with the Fire of the Holy Ghost, you are saved.

You are saved because you will know how to build the scul to attain aethship with the Masters, the Initiates and the Supreme Master, the Christ.

The Christ power is *never* lost.

If it had been lost the world would have been destroyed long ago.

Man lost himself. The word, which is the word of fire, was not only preserved but guarded and protected from the profane, the worldly wise and foolish by the spirit of the Veiled Isis.

When man in his blindness stumbled upon the treasures of the kingdom of heaven and brought them forth to distribute blindly and without reason to a world of babblers, the veil was yet secure and tight. Those who were foreordained by the spirit of law and righteousness were not sleeping (waiting for a trumpet to sound and rouse them from inertness and incompetency, for he who sleeps never accomplishes, never works, never learns, never attains), but were bearing the arms and shields of the truth that it be not betrayed and outraged by the ignorant. And while they have led them blindly, yet they have not seen, but those whose eyes were opened may see as did Saul of Tarsus.

THE END.

## The Work We Must Do.

Souls are needed in this vast work of ours—souls that are ready and willing to tread in the footsteps of the masters who have gone before and prepared a place for them.

The time has come when workers are needed. The field is large and laborers are few. The soul cannot advance unless it is active. It must have the chance to accumulate force from the planes of those who have achieved great spiritual knowledge and development. It cannot advance if it slumbers, any more than the man can exist without work. The world is starving for the truth; there are many hungry, thirsty, seeking for paths of light and we must reach them.

We do not wish to see a creed-bound organization formed for the great truths must be given to the few and chosen ones.

There are many throughout the world who belong to the Invisible Brotherhood. They are men and women of the purer water, pearls of great price, and they silently do the work given them to do without “praying in synagogues with loud voices and thanking God that they are not as others are.”

They are the humble doers of the word. They understand the laws of life and nature and of God, and their duty is to obey them.

The fraternity has opened its doors to all who will to come. Teachers, helpers and workers are needed. The truth must be sent to all, the true Christ, the

Osiris, must be made manifest, but "how can they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" And how shall they hear without some one to tell them?

It is our desire to reach all the people, to open their understanding to the truth and thereby benefit humanity as it has never been benefited, for there are few indeed who know the truth.

The masters of all ages are with us, lending us strength and power, for the time has come for a great change in the religious world.

The Messiah is here and the world knows it not. He has come again even unto his own, but his own know it not.

In the ages agone when the minds of men were wandering far from the truth, from God, *one* came, not with great sound of trumpet, and voice of thunder, but with great power of love, and blessing unto all.

He came to his own in love given  
And his own received him not.  
And through the mistake of a nation  
There was cast on the world a blot.

And that blot has ever rested upon the dull minds of men. In the first place, the Church blundered. Egotism and false doctrines sprung up in divers places. People began to seek leaders who demonstrated material gains and law, who grew wise in their own conceit and were lead away by their vanity.

Man worshipped creeds instead of the *Christ within*.

When the orthodox religion began to spread, the letter and not the spirit prevailed.

Unenlightened men, no matter how great the intellect or the education, could not demonstrate spiritual laws because they knew them not.

Ignorance sprang up. The original meaning, the real truths, and great mysteries were hidden under symbols, and those who were mighty and supreme in the wisdom of the gods were the only ones who knew. For ages and generations the world has been taught wrong. It has been groping around in darkness, seeking light where there was no light. Straining at gnats and swallowing camels. But the world is starving. It is standing to-day on the threshold of a great revolution in religious circles. Divers doctrines have crept in unawares, and false prophets and false teachers who have "brought in damnable heresies, and with feigned words have made merchandise of many," and "with profane and vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so called; which some professing have erred concerning the faith (truth)."

There are many teachers, some who are sincere and earnest but who are not Masters nor Initiates, nor have they the secrets and mysteries of those who were the *elect*, the philosophers and sages of the ancient wisdom.

Then again, Black Magic parading in sheep's clothing—wolves they are, and "careth not for the sheep"—Black Magic is a curse and a destroying archangel of all that would work for good. It is diabolism.

Christ told his disciples that "when ye see the abomination of desolation (spoken of by Daniel the prophet), stand in the holy places, then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains." And this is where Black Magic stands. It is the impersonator of the One Great Unknowable God. "The man of perdition opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God."

This is the great destroyer, not the Saviour.

"But the hour is coming and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live."

And the world stands to-day duped and misled and almost destroyed by the great curse and evil, and the dawn of a new era is here when the world shall hear the voice of the Son of God.

He is now with us, in our midst, waiting for the hour of recognition by the chosen few.

The great teacher of this generation is in isolation, preparing himself for the great work which must be done.

This is the age of transitions of the old into new and glorious ones. This fraternity has stood the test of time. The grandest achievements ever gained by man was originally concealed in the Ancient Mysteries.

It is the desire of the Brotherhood to send out messengers of truth, to band all together in one great, grand, complete whole. There are few who are sincere and earnest. Souls are worth more than money and souls, great, grand, unselfish souls are what are needed and wanted more than anything else.

Are you willing to work for the *true* God? Are you willing to teach men the *true* law, "That as thou sowest so shalt thou reap"? Your opportunity is now. The work will put you in touch with the mental co-operation of the Great Invisible Brotherhood whose members send out in constant streams thoughts of strength and blessings.

The White Brotherhood is reaching out and drawing together all harmonious vibrations, and transferring them throughout all Christendom.

Great work is waiting for willing hands.

The fraternity is seeking those who are willing and

ready to assist the Master and spread the doctrine of Truth and Life.

Christian brotherhoods and healing stations should be established in all the cities and towns. Honest, reliable, sincere, earnest teachers should be at the head of every station, keeping in touch with the whole work. Much literature should be given out so that the poorest may have a chance to work up to the truths and understanding of the great laws, so that each one may gradually learn to find the Christ *within*.

It must be harmonious work for the purpose of benefitting humanity, and giving the shackled soul a chance to tear away from the bonds that enslave it. Love, good fellowship, sympathy, and understanding are the foundation stones from which we expect to build in the *hearts of men* a structure such as will put the temple of King Solomon to shame.

This is the last religion. It is the *only* religion. None greater can follow it for the religion of the Christ *within* is the greatest that man can accept.

Representatives or teachers are appointed and authorized to organize and teach the students individually and in classes. The teachers and organizers are selected, proved and tried by the Master of the Supreme Temple, who has sole authority.

Soul Science is the standard text book, and every student must own a copy of this book for his individual study and use. He must not loan nor teach from the book without permission from the Master of the Supreme Temple.

Classes are organized to meet at least once a week, for instructions from the appointed teacher. Private lessons are issued every month for class instructions according to each chapter.

## THE AETH DRILL.

In the *Aeth Drill* full instructions are given for the finding of the Soul and obtaining knowledge of the Soul World.

The *Aeth Drill* is the Pathway to the Soul World. Because of the many dangers in the way, the student must be protected by ONE who knows the way—by a Master who has gone the way before him and has opened the gates.

You ask why this must be so, and why there are dangers in the way, and what the dangers are.

I will tell you. The young Soul, or the Soul just awakening and desiring life is the same as a young child. It does not know the Soul World any better than a child knows this world.

There are thousands, aye, millions of illustrations why it is necessary to guide a child and protect it, train it, and teach it until it reaches manhood. We know then it is often liable to fall, but the wisely trained child is less apt to go wrong than the child who is unprotected or untrained and unguarded. There are pitfalls in the earth world. There are pitfalls in the Soul World.

There are demons here on earth.

There are demons in the Soul World.

"As above so below." AS BELOW SO ABOVE.

Life in the Soul World is a continuation of this. It is a continuation of heaven or hell as we have it here.

Young boys and girls starting out in the world are often times misled and hurled to destruction by demons, and fiends, and devils of divers description who are in the flesh. Many are seductive and beautiful. Many a young boy has been destroyed by the beautiful face and form of a human woman fiend. He does not know the good from evil, the false from true.

These fiends make beautiful speeches and fair promises. "They speak great swelling words of vanity, and they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness. Those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption,"

The Soul just awakening is ignorant of the things of the Soul World, for how can it KNOW of what it has never seen? The Soul does not know the true Pathway unless shown any better than a child knows the true pathway in earth unless taught.

The child is helpless when in the clutches of a strong, grown-up man. Would a mother allow an evil, wicked, seducing person to guard and control and teach her child? The Soul in like manner must beware.

Do no not seek phenomena of the Spirit World.

You are young. You do not know the spirits until your spiritual eyes are opened. A child does not know the evils of the evil companions, and the seductive influences of sensual, lustful men and women.

#### SEEK THE SOUL.

These words are sent to you from the Great White Throne:

"Behold, a throne was set up in heaven, and ONE sat on the throne."

"And round about the throne were four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw four and twenty Elders sitting, clothed in white raiments; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded LIGHTNINGS and THUNDERINGS and VOICES; and there were seven lamps of FIRE burning before the throne which are the seven Spirits of God."

Seek the Soul. "Building UP YOURSELVES as your most holy faith, praying (desiring) on the Holy Ghost."

The Æth Drill is a series of instructions to be given only to a very few. Besides the instructions, there are two text books. One of these is never sold, but is only for the students who take these instructions.

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